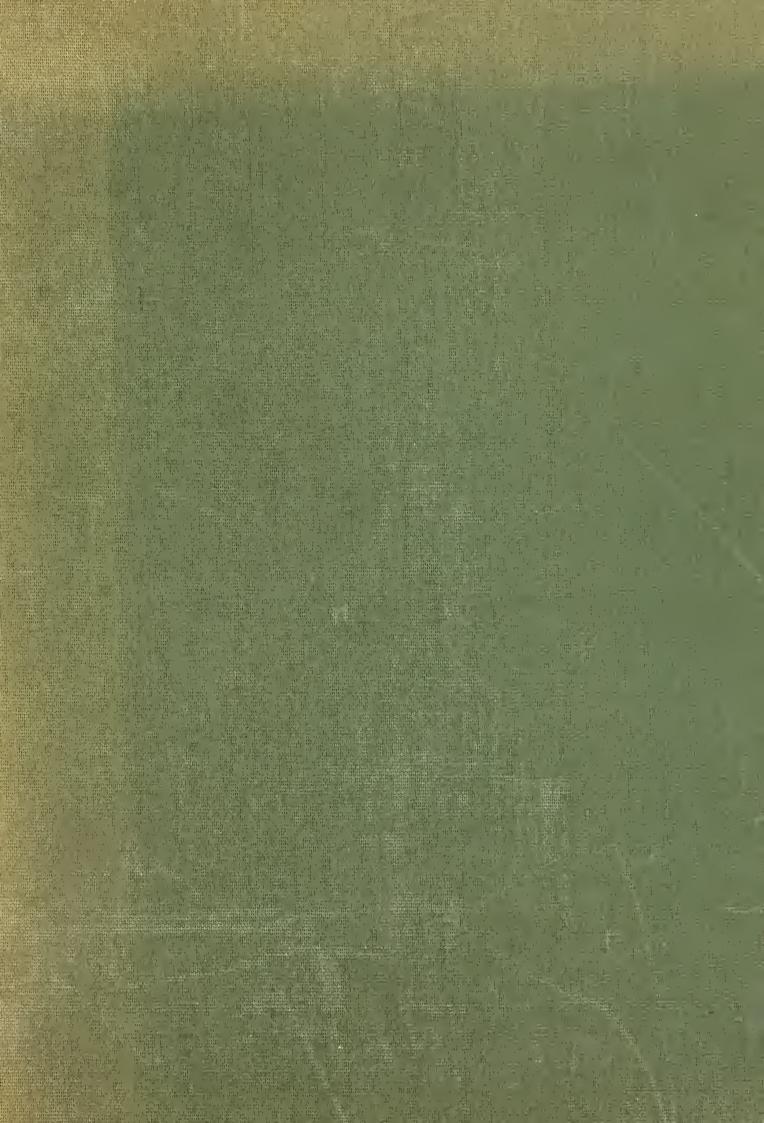
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FROM

: D. A. Williams, Administrator, SCS, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Handbooks and Manuals - Interim Economics Guide

Attached you will find copies of the Interim Economics Guide for use in preparing watershed protection and flood prevention work plans. This guide has been developed to furnish guidance in the economic phases of watershed planning. It is believed that it provides a basis for standardizing basic procedures and will result in more uniform project evaluation.

This guide has been prepared cooperatively by the Washington staff, the economists of the Engineering and Watershed Planning Units and the Agricultural Research Service. It is based on the experience gained in flood prevention surveys and work plan preparation of pilot and Public Law 566 watersheds. It is being submitted in its present form for field testing, review and comment. It will be revised and issued in final form after it has been tested under a wide variety of conditions.

It is suggested that the procedures contained in this guide be considered in the development of future work plans under Public Law 566.

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# INTERIM ECONOMICS GUIDE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION

#### INTRODUCTION

The principal purpose of this Economics Guide is to provide a systematic set of currently recognized evaluation practices for use in the economic analysis of Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Projects under Public Law 566, 83rd Congress (68 Stat. 666), and other project type programs being installed under other Service authorities.

The evaluation methods and procedures outlined in this Guide have been designed to meet existing statutory and Administrative policy requirements under Public Law 566 as well as sound practices for economic analysis of watershed projects.

This Guide is a presentation of methods, procedures and examples for use in making economic studies of watersheds. Since watersheds are usually different in physical and economic characteristics and also vary in the amount and kind of basic data available, it is not always possible to set up a single procedure that can be used in every watershed. Alternative procedures, therefore, have in some instances been included to fit the varied conditions that will be found throughout the United States.

The technical responsibility for making watershed economic studies is that of the economist and in carrying out his work the economist will deal with many basic tools which are a part of his profession. In the chapters to follow, detailed methods and procedures are described, and illustrated with examples, which will be helpful to the economist in carrying out his assigned responsibilities. The adoption and use of these practices by all economists within the Service will tend to assure comparability of results, facilitate review of project reports and result in uniform criteria for formulating projects.

The material presented in the Guide represents the thinking of many persons experienced in the economic evaluation of watershed projects. After a reasonable trial period, or as may be required by changes in policies, suitable revisions will be made.



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#### CHAPTER 1

#### ECONOMIC APPRAISALS - USES, FRAMEWORK AND STANDARDS

#### I. USES OF ECONOMIC APPRAISALS

The primary purpose of benefit-cost analysis, under Public Law 566, is to determine whether or not a proposed project is economically justified. Other equally important uses, however, will be served by economic analysis in the preparation of watershed work plans. The principal uses of these analyses, in addition to that of indicating economic justification, are listed as follows: (1) to indicate the need for improvement measures, (2) to guide project formulation, (3) to indicate the relative economic desirability of different measures and groups of measures and projects and (4) to serve as a guide for cost-sharing, etc.

# A. Economic Appraisal - An Indicator of the Need for Improvement Measures.

The first step in the analysis of a given watershed or in the development of a program for the watershed is to analyze the problems of the watershed. This will include one or more of the following determinations: (1) the severity of erosion losses, (2) the losses resulting from sedimentation, (3) the extent and severity of floodwater damage, (4) the restriction imposed upon the use of land by poor drainage, (5) the need for, and problems associated with, irrigation in areas where required to realize full economic agricultural potential of the lands and (6) the need for other agricultural water-management measures. Each of the above determinations, to be of full usefulness, must be expressed in economic terms. Such evaluations, together with standardized cost data, provide a basis for: (a) determining the justification for the project and (b) estimates of the types and amount of justified improvement measures.

## B. Objectives of Economic Guides for Project Formulation.

One of the widely accepted principles of project formulation is that measures should be so designed and so grouped that surplus of benefits over costs is greater than for any other design or grouping of measures in attaining objectives of the project. As stated in Section 6 of the Interim Watershed Protection Handbook (hereafter referred to as the Handbook) the application of benefit-cost analysis will guide project formulation to maximize net benefits and aid in selecting the least costly alternative means of meeting project needs. This will require the economic and physical appraisal of a reasonable number of likely alternatives in order to develop a project which will tend to maximize net economic benefits.

#### C. Degree of Economic Desirability.

A ratio of benefits to costs of greater than one to one is usually regarded as an indication that the proposed work be undertaken. This assumes, of course, that adequate financial and other resources

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(either Federal or non-Federal) are available for carrying out the proposed project. Because of the fact that this is not always true, the benefit-cost evaluation should be developed in such a way as to aid in the selection of measures for immediate development and also for the purpose of scheduling future construction. This requires that a number of separate evaluations be made in a given watershed for subdivisions of the measures and subdivisions of the watersheds. The physical interdependence of many measures, however, reduces the number of separate appraisals possible.

# D. Economic Appraisal as a Guide for Cost-Sharing.

Two aspects of cost-sharing require the results of economic appraisal. First, the Department's cost-sharing requirements are based in part upon the nature and extent of the benefits involved and whether or not they accrue to public or private interests. The economic analysis may be useful to the local sponsoring organization in its financing and assessment problem, in that it will indicate the classes of benefits and in general the broad groups of beneficiaries who will benefit by the project.

# II. APPRAISAL FRAMEWORK AND STANDARDS

The primary function of an evaluation is to provide assurance that effective use will be made of the resources required by proposed watershed projects. To allow making necessary comparisons, project evaluations need to be made in accordance with a set of consistent concepts, principles and standards. A set of guides of this kind form the conceptual framework and the analytical apparatus for making an evaluation analysis. The purpose of this section is to review the basic assumptions and principles that underlie benefit-cost analysis and to indicate general standards and criteria considered appropriate for their application. Aspects covered include principles, concepts and basic assumptions; pricing of project products and services; interest and discount rates and evaluation period.

# A. Basic Principles, Concepts and Assumptions.

In common with any type of economic activity, watershed development deals with the production and use of goods and services. Economic goods and services encompass all objects and services that are limited in supply and have the power of satisfying wants. The basic problem in economic evaluation is that of comparing the value of the goods and services produced with that of the costs incurred, after full account is taken of all project effects. In order that results be comparable, it is necessary that uniform standards be used for pricing project goods and services; effects be evaluated from a similar viewpoint; adequate attention be given alternatives; an appropriate basis be used for determining the effects that may be attributed to a project; and consistent assumptions regarding the general economic setting be used.

# 1. Expression in monetary terms.

In order to make meaningful comparisons, diverse effects must be converted to a common value basis. Beneficial and detrimental effects arise initially in many physical forms, accrue at different times, continue for varying periods, and arise under a variety of circumstances that influence the certainty of their occurrence.

Monetary estimates constitute about the only available means of initially expressing diverse physical effects in terms subject to comparison. Dollar terms provide a yardstick for measuring the relative values of different types of effects at the time of their occurrences. Prices provide a system of weights that may be used to convert various and sundry physical effects to a common dollar value basis. In a market economy, the price system becomes the principal device for bringing about a balanced allocation of resources among competing uses. Prices operate to limit the use of scarce resources and services to meeting needs in accordance with the market rating of their importance. Most watershed projects involve the production or use of goods and services that may reasonably be evaluated in terms of market prices.

However, it must be recognized that the values attached to goods and services by the market may not always accurately reflect values from a public viewpoint. This is due in part to the existence of imperfect markets and the influence of such factors as subsidies, tariffs, price supports and surplus commodities. Also, the market measures only the value of marginal units, rather than the total value of the segment subject to change. While it is extremely difficult to give precise quantitative expression to certain of these considerations, the general principle that project services or products have value only to the extent that they are needed is inherent in any economic evaluation. Despite limitations of the market as a measure of public values, there is no other suitable framework for evaluating in comparable terms the effects of watershed programs or any other type of project. Accordingly, market prices are considered the essential starting point for an economic analysis.

To the extent feasible, project effects which are ordinarily evaluated incompletely or not at all in actual market exchange should be given a derived or estimated monetary value. Types of benefits and costs that cannot be covered by actual or derived market prices still warrant consideration. Intangibles, which are impossible of monetary measurement, need to be weighed and described in a way that indicates their importance and influence on project formulation and selection.

# 2. Viewpoint applied.

The viewpoint from which the analysis is made must be consistent for the particular purposes to be served by the analysis. The appropriate viewpoint for the evaluation of projects involving

substantial Federal investments is that of a comprehensive National or public viewpoint. Primary emphasis in this viewpoint is placed on taking full account of all significant beneficial and adverse effects. The adequacy of the results obtained depends to a considerable extent on how completely measurement from comprehensive public viewpoint can be realized; that is, how fully all effects on individuals and the public as a whole can be traced and evaluated in comparable terms. The sum of beneficial or adverse project effects accruing to individuals is likely to fall somewhat short of full coverage from a public viewpoint. Types of beneficial or adverse effects that accrue to the public as a whole may not be fully considered in the value judgments of individuals. Examples include the value of resource conservation to future generations; effects on health, welfare and National security; and various other effects that are widely dispersed or not directly apparent to those eventually affected.

Application of a comprehensive public viewpoint often requires making a reasonably sharp distinction between economic feasibility on the one hand, and compensation and reimbursement considerations on the other. The viewpoints involved are basically different. In an evaluation from a public viewpoint, the effects properly subject to consideration include various types of off-sets that arise in other localities or geographic areas. For reimbursement, the appropriate viewpoint is usually local in nature and little attention needs to be given off setting effects outside the area of project influence. In an evaluation from a local viewpoint, the benefit basis for reimbursement might well vary from that available for justifying a project from a National or public viewpoint. Secondary benefits from an area or local viewpoint are likely to be more substantial than from a National viewpoint.

The viewpoint applicable also has a bearing on the standards selected to measure values. The standards for evaluation may vary from those considered appropriate for reimbursement. For example, where reimbursement involves entering into contractual obligations expressed in dollar terms, price fluctuations and trends become much more significant than in an evaluation from a public viewpoint, where the emphasis is on "real" value relationships. While the procedures and standards applied for evaluation should reflect an overall public or National viewpoint, supplemental analyses based on local and regional viewpoints are needed where pertinent for cost-sharing purposes.

# 3. Least costly alternatives.

Any project or segment under consideration must satisfy the requirement that it be more economical than any actual or potential alternative means available, either public or private, of accomplishing the particular purpose contemplated. No phase of a program should be recommended if a less costly means of accomplishing essentially the same purpose would thereby be displaced or economically precluded from development as a result of the project. Unprecluded ways of obtaining

similar benefits are not a direct limitation on project justification, but rather represent additional projects available for comparison and selection.

All practical alternative possibilities within the scope of watershed program activities should be taken into account. In practice, alternatives subject to consideration are likely to be limited by both area considerations and the information available to the work plan party. Broader bases for establishing project priorities will require consideration at other levels of responsibility including State and Departmental review, review by other Federal agencies and the Bureau of the Budget. During the stages of work plan preparation the work plan party should formulate a proposal that is the most economical of available means of accomplishing the purposes of the program for the watershed under consideration.

# 4. Ascribing effects to a project.

A uniform basis for attributing effects to a project is needed in order that results be comparable. The generally accepted basis is the "with" and "without" approach, in which the differences in expectations provide the basis for identifying appropriate project charges and credits. It is particularly important that adequate account be taken of expected conditions in the absence of the project, including any corresponding benefits that would be expected from other uses of the project required resources. While the logical basis for the approach is sound, problems arise as to the assumptions that may be considered appropriate for its application. Most of these stem from the lack of an adequate basis for estimates under "without" conditions. The assumptions become particularly significant in the treatment of secondary benefits. The problem is that of deciding what uses would likely be made of project resources, and estimating the effects which would stem from such use. Under full employment conditions, it would appear reasonable to expect that other uses would be made of most goods and services required for project installation and operation. Further, it may reasonably be assumed that the goods and services used for project purposes are normally diverted from the least important uses otherwise expected. Accordingly, the cost in terms of market values usually provides an adequate measure of the value of benefits foregone.

The basis for determining benefits that may be credited to the project is similar. The project should be credited with the difference between project benefits and those expected from applying the resources in some other way if the project were not undertaken. The primary benefits attributable to the project are the total primary benefits, less the cost of the goods and services used that are not otherwise taken into account. As with costs, the value of the benefits

produced is their exchange value, as measured by expected market price at time of accrual.

The "with" and "without" approach becomes an analytical device for determining the effects of various purposes, features and incremental segments both in the evaluation phases of the economic analysis, as well as in project formulation. The amount of credit that is due to any addition (or deletion) in the program becomes the difference in the expected effects with and without the particular change under consideration. In providing a basis for measuring the effects of incremental benefits and costs, the approach is essential to the formulation of projects so as to maximize net benefits.

# 5. Basic assumption.

Evaluation standards and procedures should be based on consistent assumptions regarding economic trends and expected levels of resource employment. The assumption of a continuously expanding economy for both "with" and "without" conditions would appear appropriate as a general basis for estimating price and requirement expectations. Under such a setting, increasing amounts of goods and services would be required to satisfy the needs of an expanding population and provide for higher levels of living. An eventual demand would develop for all types of goods and services that can be provided at reasonable cost. At the same time, it would be expected that other uses would normally be available for the resources required by the project.

This would result in resources ordinarily being considered scarce in the sense that all would be required under the economic conditions expected to prevail, either with or without the project. Resulting assumptions include the expectation that project required resources would usually be diverted from other uses; such diversions would be from marginal or least important other uses; and values in such uses are measured by market prices.

The high level of resource employment assumption does not preclude consideration of short run fluctuations in the economy. Allowances for unusual local situations need to be included in the analysis of specific projects, with adjustments for general employment conditions made at the National level as considerations effecting the timing and scale of resource development programs.

#### B. Pricing Project Products and Services.

The prices applied should reflect purchasing power values expected to prevail at the time benefits accrue or costs are incurred. This requires the use of projected prices for all effects occurring over time, including benefits and costs of operation, maintenance, replacement and deferred installations. Current prices or price relationships are appropriate for valuing early installation costs.

# 1. Projected prices.

The main steps in preparing a set of projected prices consist of establishing an appropriate long-term average for general prices and gearing the price projections for particular commodities and services to that level.

In order to be consistent with other phases of the economic analysis, the general price projection should reflect the expectation of relatively high levels of resource employment, with but a limited range expected in fluctuations around the long-term average. The average general price level used should exclude the effects of inflationary and deflationary trends in the purchasing power of the dollar. Long-term changes in price levels due solely to dollar appreciation or depreciation do not represent "real" benefits or costs in the form of goods and services. Differences between prevailing and projected general prices should reflect expected changes in future levels of resource employment to an extent sufficient to favor development during periods in which resource employment is below average, but still permit purchasing power comparability.

Price projections for specific commodities or groups should be geared to the general price projections, with account taken of particular trends and conditions likely to effect potential supplies and requirements. Use of estimates based on careful consideration of significant factors bearing on future value relationships is likely to prove more adequate than the use of current or historial prices applied without regard for future trends.

The projections used need to be revised periodically as necessary to reflect significant changes in expected levels and relationships. Until revised, the price and cost projections contained in Appendix D should be used in computing benefits and deferred or continuing types of costs.

# 2. Special pricing problems.

National long-term projected prices require adjustments to reflect area and regional conditions. Usually relationships prevailing between State and National averages during a stable price period provide a basis for State price projections. This involves the assumption that future differences will be the same as during the base period. The State computations contained in the price pamphlet have been prepared by adjusting National projections through the use of National-State base period relationships.

The State projections may require further adjustment to reflect situations in particular watersheds. This usually involves

adapting State projections to the watershed area on the basis of relationships between area and State prices during a base period. The projections used should be consistent for adjoining watersheds separated by State lines, which may at times necessitate the use of average relationships for combined areas and corresponding States. In general, it would appear feasible to make most of the necessary adjustments through applying the conversion factors or price relationships presented in the price pamphlet directly to a comparable year base for the area.

Special consideration needs to be given situations where project production is expected to effect previous price relationships. Where project production is sufficient to cause a shift from a deficit to a surplus production area, such a change would need to be taken into account in the price projections applied. The use of past relationships in market areas comparable to those expected under project conditions may provide a basis for such adjustments.

Other types of special pricing problems include modifications to reflect particular grades or classes of commodities. The price data presented cover averages for either several combined classes, or a principal grade or class. Often these are not adequate for showing price differentials that may be significant for particular watersheds.

For example, the projected price for all hay may not be appropriate where particular grades of hay are likely to be produced. Usually this will require applying the projected price relationship for all hay to the particular classes of hay for which area production estimates have been made. The necessary local base prices may be obtained from Census data, or derived from material compiled by State Statisticians. While the precise steps will vary with the basic data available, usually the conversion ratio for the general class will need to be applied to each subclass for which projections are needed. Similar situations will arise in connection with timber products, vegetables, tobacco and numerous other commodities where grades or class differentials are significant. In such cases, the first step would involve obtaining prevailing or base period prices for each grade, and then projecting on the basis of the conversion ratio for the group.

Products for which price projections have not been computed will need to be estimated on the basis of available projections for the most nearly similar group.

#### C. Interest and Discount Rates.

Interest and discount rates provide the basis for converting values estimated as of the time of accrual to a common time and risk basis. In an evaluation from either a private or public viewpoint, allowances must be made for any differences in time and uncertainty that

may arise during the period between the investment of resources and the accrual of benefits. Market rates for loans and investments may be regarded as reflecting both "time" and "risk" components. Direct or specific allowances for risks of the predictable type should be made to the extent feasible. This leaves the interest and discount rate as a measure of value differences due to time, together with residual risks and uncertainty.

### 1. Interest rates.

As with prices for all types of economic goods and services, the need for an interest charge for capital stems from its scarcity. In order to be scarce, resources must be both wanted and limited in supply. The cost to society of capital utilization is determined by the productive opportunities over time that are foregone. In the absence of a direct measure of the productivity of capital, the interest rate on long-term Government bonds is often used as a measure of the minimum risk opportunities of capital. Since the primary basis for the interest charge is the productivity of capital in other uses, a projected long-term average interest rate would appear more appropriate than the rate prevailing at the time of the initial investment. The cost is measured by the expected average productivity of capital in the uses from which diverted.

### 2. Risk allowances.

The Government rate may be lower than that considered appropriate for a particular project because it reflects the security provided by the general taxing power. Hence, a component often needs to be added to the minimum risk rate to reflect the risks associated with a particular project. Other adjustments for risk may take the form of various types of contingency allowances, conservative benefit estimates, and periods of analysis short of expected economic life. Although most of the risks may be accounted for by such means, there usually remains an element of uncertainty that can be covered only by including a residual risk component in the interest and discount rate used. The amount of the allowance warranted is largely a matter of judgment, since there usually is no actuarial basis for a precise computation. As greater direct allowances are made for risks, the function of the interest and discount rate becomes increasingly that of adjusting for differences of time.

# 3. Applicable rates.

A generally acceptable basis for converting benefits and costs to a common time basis is through the use of rates applicable to various groups participating in the project. A rate of not less  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent appears appropriate on Federal investments, and not less than 4 percent for private investments. The rate applicable to

non-Federal public investments would be the amount that the organization in question would be expected to pay for borrowed funds. The rate used should ordinarily not be less than the Federal rate, nor more than the private rate. Where benefits need to be converted to a present worth or annual equivalent basis the interest rate used should be based on the degree of certainty with which the benefits will accrue, but should in no case be less than the Federal rate.

While the treatment of interest and discount indicated is not completely in accord with the theoretically ideal basis, it is likely to be more acceptable and induce greater participation in projects. Application of an overall public viewpoint would suggest the use of the same rate for all participants that in turn was based on net costs and preferences after account is taken of off-sets and transfers.

#### D. Period of Analysis.

The economic life of projects is limited by such factors as deterioration, obsolescence, depreciation, changing needs, and improvements in technology. Discount for time, and risk and uncertainty also limit economic life. The limit is established at that point where the present worth of costs for extension exceed the present worth of the resulting benefits.

Economic life provides an appropriate basis for formulating the scale and scope of projects that serve the public interest. Formulation based on either a longer or shorter period would reduce net benefits.

# 1. Selected evaluation period.

For purposes of project comparison and selection, it appears desirable to select an evaluation period maybe short of expected economic life. Use of a shorter period provides additional allowance for risks and gives an advantage to projects producing less remote benefits. Accordingly, the period to be used for estimating project benefits and costs should not exceed project life or 50 years beyond the completion of project installation, whichever is less.

# 2. Evaluation period benefits and costs.

The annual costs chargeable during the evaluation period include amortization with interest of initial installation costs; amortization of an appropriate share of costs of major replacements to be installed during the period; and operation and maintenance costs of a level sufficient to assure effective operating capacity to attain the level of benefits claimed for the project.

The benefits attributable to the evaluation period include those accruing annually over the period, together with any remaining salvage productivity values available at the end of the period. It is expected that benefits computed on such a basis would usually approximate estimates on a project life basis. The principal effect of the use of the evaluation period short of economic life is reflected in increased costs.



#### CHAPTER 2

### APPRAISAL OF FLOODWATER DAMAGE

#### I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS IN DAMAGE APPRAISAL

Damage appraisal is directed toward establishing the relationship between floodwater damages and flood sizes for significant variations in flood plain and hydrologic conditions. There are different methods that may be used to determine these relationships but this basic premise applies to all methods.

#### II. STEPS IN DAMAGE APPRAISAL

The following outline of steps necessary to adequately appraise floodwater damages is applicable to many varied situations. However, some unusual conditions may require some adaptation of this procedure. Understanding of the principles involved in the application of the normal procedure will provide a basis for making whatever adaptations necessary to cope with unusual problems.

#### A. Selection of Areas for Study.

To obtain statistically reliable data in watersheds covering only a few square miles, it will be necessary to obtain information on the entire flood plain. On larger watersheds a sampling procedure should be employed when practical.

The first step in selection of a sample for detailed investigation is a careful reconnaissance of the whole area to be studied so that all conditions will be sampled. Stereoscopic analysis of flood plain photographs will be useful for this purpose.

The selection and use of appropriate stream and flood plain reaches provide a means for (a) identifying the location of damages and benefits; (b) bringing the evaluation of hydrologic and economic data together for determination of stage-area-damage relationships; and, (c) relating damage reductions or other benefits to works of improvement.

In setting up the sample of areas for detailed investigation, attention to these points is important:

- 1. Important variation in flood plain characteristics and in land use should be considered. (An example of this would be where a flood plain crosses two or more problem areas.)
  - 2. Both sides of the stream should be represented.
- 3. Differences in channel size and valley width from the head-waters to the bottom reaches should not be overlooked.

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- 4. Portions of the flood plain should not be excluded from the possibility of being drawn in the sample for any reason.
- 5. The selection be such as to facilitate separate evaluation of individual or groups of structures.

#### B. Collection of Basic Data.

### 1. Maps.

Major land use in the flood plain will be mapped on aerial photos. This map will also show improvements such as roads, buildings and bridges subject to damage. Land use capability classes and soil delineations may also be shown on the flood plain map. It is usually not necessary to show crop distribution throughout the flood plain, however, it will be desirable to show crop distribution in a few representative sample cross sections in the flood plain. Locations of areas significantly affected by flood plain scour, deposition and streambank erosion may be delineated on aerial photographs.

# 2. Cost and price data.

The cost estimates obtained from the farmers are seldom adequate because farmers usually consider only their own time and out-of-pocket costs. Cost of farm operations affected by flooding may be calculated by use of such production cost data as shown in Tables 1 and 2. The data shown in these tables should be converted to projected long-term prices before using. If a given operation, such as combining, is usually done on a custom basis in a community, it is recommended that the custom price be considered as the cost of the operation. Usually this type of data is available from State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

#### 3. Collection of information.

Information covering damages experienced by operators of flood plain lands may be obtained and recorded on a flood damage schedule similar to the sample. The schedule will furnish the basic data for estimating damageable values and rates of damage for all classes of agricultural property.

Usually a farmer can give information about one flood, perhaps the largest or the most damaging flood that he has experienced. However, information should be obtained on as many floods as is practical. The enumerator should determine as accurately as possible the proportion of the cropland in the various crops. The division of the flood plain between cropland, pasture and woodland can be determined by planimetering the flood plain map.

Most of the information collected through interview with farmers should be in terms of quantities rather than values and their evaluation should be made in the office.

Table 1 - Cost of Farm Operation, Middlestate, Adjusted to 1950 Prices, in Dollars Per Acre Once Over\_/

(Sample) Cost Per Acre Hours Use of Per Preliminary Labor4/ Operation Acre Machine Power Preparation Total Baler, Auto-tie, Aux. Motor, Pick-up2 0.433/ 0.47 1.30 0.34 2.43 0.32 Combine without motor 1.49 0.76 0.54 0.47 6 feet 0.71 3.26 Combine with motor 6 feet 0.71 2.05 0.76 0.54 0.56 3.91 Combine with motor 3.64 2.05 0.51 0.56 0.52 12 feet 0.37 Combine, self-pro-0.28 0.41 pelled 14 feet 2.30 0.21 2.92 2.65 0.48 0.66 Corn binder, 2-row 1.27 0.35 0.37 Corn picker, pull, 2-row 0.77 1.34 1.05 0.58 0.49 3.46 0.533 0.56 0.40 2.63 Grain binder, 8 feet 1.30 0.37 Hay loader 1.652/ 0.41 0.60 0.41 0.24 1.66 Hay rake, side de-0.40 0.34 0.38 0.30 livery 0.17 1.19 Mower, pull, 7 feet 0.45 0.38 0.48 0.34 0.20 1.40 Cultivator, pull, 22-0.48 0.19 0.51 0.36 0.18 1.24 0.20 Disk, tandem, 7 feet 0.21 0.56 0.40 0.53 1.37 Harrow, spike-tooth, 18 feet 0.20 0.05 0.21 0.15 0.07 0.48 Lister cultivator, 2-0.24 0.56 0.40 1.40 row 0.53 0.20 One-way disk, 6 feet 0.50 0.54 0.37 0.19 1.27 0.17 0.82 Plow, gang, 2-14 inch 1.11 0.38 1.19 0.42 2.81 Plow, gang, 2-16 inch 0.91 0.68 0.38 0.98 0.35 2.39 Stalk cutter, 2-row 0.34 0.27 0.36 0.19 0.14 0.94 Corn planter, 2-row 0.38 0.38 0.36 0.29 1.20 0.17 0.49 Cotton planter, 2-row 0.50 0.50 0.38 0.17 1.54 0.34 Grain drill, 10 feet 0.34 0.38 0.26 0.16 1.14 0.446 1.68 Lister, pull, 2-row 0.59 0.36 0.63 0.25

Chopping cotton (hand) 7.502/

4.50

<sup>1/</sup> Source: Middlestate Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin B-350 and B-345, Middlestate Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 391, and Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 456.

<sup>2/</sup> Data are for tons instead of acres.

Tons per hour.

4/ Based on labor charge of 0.75 per hour, except for chopping cotton.

<sup>5/</sup> Rate ranged from 5 hours per acre in southwest Middlestate to 10 hours per acre in eastern Middlestate.

<sup>6/</sup> Wage rate of 0.60 per hour.

Table 2 - Usual Operations and Costs for an Acre of Typical Crops (1950 Prices) (Sample)

Operation	Equipment		Cost per Acre, Once		Per Acre
		ance1/	Over	Over	Cost
	Cotton -	Eastern Mid	dlestate		
Cutting Stalks	7' tandem di		1.37	1.0	1.37
Flat Breaking	2-14" plow	1.11	2.81	1.0	2.81
Harrowing,	181	0.20	0.48	1.0	0.48
Planting2/	2-row	0.50	2.08	1.0	2.08
Cultivating	2-row	0.48	1.24	5.0	6.20
Chopping & Hoeing	Hand	10.00	6.00	1.5	9.00
Picking, Ginning,	tos (non	pound of 1	1n+)		0.12
Hauling, Bags & T Poison & Fertilizer		ries by are			0.12
Orson & Percificer	( να.	ries by are	۵,		
	Wheat - Sou	thwestern M	iddlestate		
One-waying	61	0.50	1.27	2.0	2.54
Disking	7' tandem	0.40	1.03	2.0	2.06
Harrowing,	181	0.20	0.48	1.0	0.48
Planting2/	101	0.34	2.82	1.0	2.82
Combine	12'	0.37	3.64	1.0	3.64
Hauling Grain		er bushel)	3		0.04
Gr	ain Sorghum -	Southweste	rn Middlesta	ıte	
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Cutting Stalks	2-row	0.36	0.94	0.5	0.47
Flat Breaking	2-14" plow	1.11	2.81	0.5	1.40
Listing (bedding)	2-row	0.59	1.68	1.0	1.68
Cultivating Beds	2-row	0.48	1.24	1.0	1.24
Planting2/	2-row	0.38	1.88	1.0	1.88
Cultivating	2-row	0.48	1.24	3.0	3.72
Combine	12'	0.37	3.64	1.0	3.64
Hauling	(.	per CWT)			0.07
	Corn - Mid	dlestate Bo	ttomlands		
Cutting Stalks	2-row	0.36	0.94	1.0	0.94
Flat Breaking	2-14" plow	1.11	2.81	1.0	2.81
Bedding	2-row	0.59	1.68	1.0	1.68
Harrowing,	18'	0.20	0.48	1.0	0.48
Planting2/	2-row	0.38	2.48	1.0	2.48
Cultivating	2-row	0.48	1.24	5.0	6.20
Hoeing & Thinning	Hand	5.00	3.00	1.0	3.00
Picking		er bushel)			0.11
Hauling		er bushel)	,		0.04
Fertilizer	(vari	es by areas	)		

<sup>1/</sup> Hours per acre 2/ Includes seed

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Flood Damage Schedule Work Sheet (Sample)

Years on Farm
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What changes would be made if the frequency of flooding were reduced by half?

A. All of meadow to crops and 5 acres of pasture to crops. ္ပိ

How often do large floods occur? (If the flood described above is a large flood, change this question to small floods.) A. Once in 8 years.
During what seasons are floods most common? ô

Small floods: Spring - 3/4; A. Wheat-weeds because Fall -  $1/\mu_1$ ; In addition to the loss in yield described above, was there any damage to quality of crops? Large floods: Spring - 1/2; Fall - 1/2. ô

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Washed out approaches, about 10 loads needed, A. (Estimated percent. Docked price of wheat 25%, What damage did this flood do to roads and bridges nearby? wheat down. 0

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\*These items may be total damage since he has been on the farm.

#### C. Appraisal of Selected Types of Damage

The estimates of damage are based upon information obtained in the field. This information constitutes the raw data which must be analyzed and processed before it can be correlated with data worked out by other specialists in the planning party to obtain an accurate appraisal of the effects of the program.

The planning party is faced at all times with the problem of balancing scanty data with the cost and the time required for obtaining and analyzing more complete information. It may be necessary to adopt certain assumptions and to develop short-cut procedures in order to obtain reasonably accurate answers with minimum planning costs. There is a danger that these assumptions may come to be regarded as facts. Short-cut procedures should be adequately tested.

## 1. Crop and pasture damage.

The floodwater damage that will be sustained by crops and pasture depends upon the damageable value of the crop, the seasonal occurrence and frequency of flooding, and the characteristics of the flooding such as depth, velocity of flow, sediment load and, possibly duration. The damage schedules form the basis of estimating many of these factors.

Percent damage factors are derived for each crop to relate the damage to the season and the depth of flooding. The steps required in the estimation of the percent damage to a given crop at each depth increment of flooding during a given month or season are shown in Table 3. The same procedure will be used for other depths of flooding and for other seasons or months. This procedure should be repeated for each of the crops in the flood plain.

The schedules that can be obtained in most watersheds will not furnish adequate information for determination of the percent damage factors for all seasons and perhaps for all depths, because information can usually be obtained in a creek watershed on only a few floods. The unit economist can assist the planning party by analyzing damage information that has previously been obtained in similar areas and presenting it in the form of general guides. This information, such as is shown in Table 4, is designed to supplement data obtained in the field on a given watershed by indicating over-all relationships and filling in gaps where the field data are inadequate. It is desirable to calculate as many basic percent damage factors for each watershed as possible because of differences among watersheds in duration of flooding, velocity of flow, soil detachability or sediment load.

The major land use may be determined from the flood strip map. The present crop distribution in the flood plain can be obtained by adding the figures shown in the present acreage column from the schedules obtained in the flood plain. Usually it is desirable to adopt the

Flood Damage to Cotton, 3' and Over, Spring Flood, Village Creek, (Sample) Table 3.

Pototi in the Alberta		•	If No	If No Flood			After 1	After Flooding	••	••		:Net	••	••
Schedul.	Schedule: Acres :Esti-: Total :Price: No. :Flooded:mated:Produc-:Per :	Esti-: Total:mated:Produ	Total Produc-	Price Fer	Total	Actual	- o	Ø.	otal:(	Total:Gross :Expense:Value:Damage: Saved	Expenses Saved	:Value :Alterna	Value : Added : Net Alternate: Expenses : Damage	. Nets. Damage
	(1)	(2) (1bs)	(2) (3) (1bs) (1bs)	<b>(</b> ₹\$	(4) (5) (6) (7) \$ \$ (1bs) (1bs)	(6) (1bs)		(∞ ↔	(6) €%	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
72	07	300	12,000	0,386 4,632	4,632	0	0	0	0	0 4,632	1,782	916	0	1,934
121	10	135	1,350	1,350 0,386	521	0	0	0	0	521	162	0	0	359
114	₩	250	2,000	2,000 0.386	772	133	1,064	0,386	117	361	112	0	10	259
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									Damae	re Per	Damage Per Acre Flooded	oded		\$44.00
									Per	Percent damage	amage			67

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Te	Crop	Corn	Cotton	Wheat Oats, Other Small Grain	Sorghum	Нау	Alfalfa	Pasture

land use acreage at the year planning is begun to represent present conditions. However, if there are obvious reasons for making adjustments to more nearly reflect normal conditions, the acreages should be adjusted.

Probably, in most cases, a uniform land use can be assumed in the flood plain. However, inspection of the flood plain may show a considerable difference in land use between upper and lower reaches of the stream. If this is the case, a different land use and damageable value should be used for the two (or more) reaches. In some cases there may be variations in a given cross section in land use with elevation above the bankfull stage. The acreage inundated first may be woods or idle land on which there is no damage. If this is the case, it should be separated from the acreage damaged by flooding. Generally this can be done by a shift in the acreage inundated-damage curves.

The normal yield which would have been obtained in a watershed had there been no flooding is a hypothetical figure. Flood plains of creek watersheds are so small that accurate yield data from secondary sources seldom are available. Basic data on the yields to be expected in the flood plain can be obtained from the schedules, but these should be scrutinized rather carefully.

There may be a bias in the figures obtained from the schedules as many other things might have happened to reduce the yield of a crop had a flood not damaged or destroyed the crop. The reported yields should be adjusted in the light of knowledge of fertility, farming methods, etc., in the area. The degree of damage from scour and overbank deposition of sediment reported by the sedimentation party should also be considered. Table 5 shows the method of calculating the composite damageable value per acre of flood plain, when uniform land use is assumed.

The damageable value of each crop, determined as shown in Table 5, can be multiplied by its percent damage factor and the products added to give the damage from flooding an average acre of flood plain to a given depth during each season. This is illustrated in Table 6.

The damage rates derived in Table 7 are multiplied by the acreages inundated to various depths for representative stages and crop damage curves, similar to that shown in Figure 5, are developed. Development of damage curves for seasons rather than one for each month is adequate in many cases. This will substitute the development and reading of three or four curves for the twelve otherwise required.

The flood series may be adjusted by dropping from consideration small floods that occur in such close proximity to larger ones during the planting season, that restoration of damageable values would not be possible. Appropriate adjustments are made for floods in other seasons, usually not more than one flood being considered for crop and pasture damage during a season.

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Table 6 - Composite Crop and Pasture Damage Rate, per Acre Flooded, by Depth of Flooding, Spring Season (April, May and June)

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	mage	3.01	(Dollars)	0.82 1.82 1.19 0.02 0.79
Sample)	Net Damage	: Depth 1.1	: (Percent 12/;	35 50 50 18 18
		1001	(Dollars)	0.61 0.75 0.90 0.02 0.02 0.02 3.48
		Depth 0	(Percent)	26 17 33 20 10
	: Damageable :	: Value Per :	: (Dollars) :	2°.34 4.44 2°.38 2°.38 0°.10 4°.38
		Crop		Corn Cotton Oats Wheat Hay, (P.G.) Pasture

Simple average from Table 4

# 2. Other agricultural damage.

The sample schedule contains spaces for recording such other agricultural damage as livestock losses, damage to fences, farm equipment, farm levees, etc. It is suggested that the physical amount of such damage be recorded and monetary values be determined in the office. One reason for this approach is that if a farmer reports \$100 damage to his fences from a flood in 1945, he may be thinking of what it cost him then, or he may have in mind what it would cost him at today's prices. Clarification of this point will take valuable interview time that probably would be spent to better advantage in pinning down other information. A second reason is that when a farmer gives damage in monetary terms, one needs to have a definite understanding of whether he means only out-of-pocket cash costs or such costs plus the value of unpaid family labor or a complete cost including interest and depreciation on farm equipment.

Ordinarily separate curves by seasons for these other agricultural damages will not be needed. Damages of this type may not start until a fair stage overbank is reached. As an example, flood-water will probably need to be at least two feet deep before there is much damage to fences. On the other hand, when infestation by noxious weeds is a problem, damage from this source may begin at a low flood stage. The sampling procedure used for estimation of crop and pasture damage will be applicable to estimates of damage of this type. Expansion of data from the sampled areas to the entire flood plain can be made safely if the sampling has been done correctly.

When irrigation, drainage, or farm levee systems exist in a watershed and are subject to flood damage, they should be given special consideration and evaluated separately. For example, the damage to an irrigation system might consist only of silting up the ditch or washing out a siphon but before repair of such damage could be made the inability to use the system might cause loss of a crop because of lack of water.

# 3. Non-agricultural damage.

Most of the damage in small watersheds probably will be to agricultural property, with a certain amount of damage to such transportation facilities as roads, bridges and railroads. Occasionally there will be damage to residential, commercial, and industrial property and to parks, schools and the like. Appraisal of these damages will often require special treatment. A random sample of the flood plain cannot be drawn for this purpose, because the areas subject to damage are localized and the concentration of damage per unit of area is high. Appraisal will require specific consideration of each damage area.

A complete enumeration of damages is desirable. This may be impractical in case a large urban area is flooded. In such an event, an adequate sample should be drawn from the flooded urban areas. Schedules of the type shown in Exhibit A of the memorandum to State and Territorial Conservationists by Carl Brown, dated April 20, 1954, can be used for collecting information of this type. At the time this information is collected the damageable value of the property in the flood plain can be inventoried. Information from the hydrologist on elevations in the flood plain will enable the economist to coordinate his information into a depth-damage curve for the non-agricultural damage in the area.

Secondary sources of information such as files of local newspapers will be of value in fixing the limits of floods experienced in the past. Appraisals of damage that they may carry, if the flood is of fairly recent date, will be useful.

#### a. Roads and bridges.

Nearly all watersheds will have appreciable road and bridge damage. Estimates of this type of damage may be obtained from State Highway Engineers, Boards of County Commissioners, County Engineers, or Township Trustees. Many times, however, such information is incomplete. A County Commissioner may be newly elected and unable to report on the expenditures of his predecessors. Or he may have a certain sum to spend and keep no particular records regarding the proportion spent for ordinary maintenance and that for repair of damage. For this reason, the flood damage schedule carries the question "What damage did this flood do to roads and bridges nearby?". It is believed that this information obtained from farmers will provide a check on the data from other sources. Furthermore, in some areas, farmers go together cooperatively to repair some of the roads and bridges. When this is the case, the full cost of repairs cannot be found in the books of public officials.

#### b. Railroads.

Information on damage from severe floods to railroad property usually can be obtained from railroad officials. This information, for any given flood, may be subject to some distortion, for the company may make only partial repairs after the first flood, preferring to wait for future floods before making complete restoration. The question also arises, with railroad damage, as to whether or not there is segregation of normal maintenance and flood repair expenditures when less than major floods are concerned. Ordinarily, it is desirable to obtain as much information as possible from local railroad officials to supplement that obtained from company headquarters.

#### c. Residential.

Flood damages to residences and appurtenances may constitute a large portion of the total flood damage in some watersheds

even though no major concentration of population exists and only a few scattered houses in the flood plain are affected. Wherever feasible, damages to residences should be appraised separately in each case by making inquiry of informed residents. Some district offices of the U. S. Corps of Engineers have compiled schedules of average damages to dwellings and contents when flooded at different depths. These compilations may be very helpful in establishing damage estimates in the larger communities where many homes are flooded. However, where only a few homes are affected by floods such averages should be used only as guides.

A damage form or schedule should be prepared to serve as a guide and a check list in estimating losses. When appraising and recording damages it is important to associate the damage with depth of inundation in order that stage-damage relationship may be established. The schedule sample shown on the following page is indicative of the kinds of information required and with some modification may fit the needs of most watersheds where residential damages occur.

To comply with the need for development of a stage-damage relationship, damage appraisal for several different flood stages is required. The range in flood stage for which damage appraisals are needed, should extend from the point where damage commences to a stage possibly one or two feet higher than the maximum flood on record. Usually the highest stage for which damages are estimated need not exceed that of the 100-year flood.

On streams where flooding of houses is quite frequent, precautions should be taken to determine, (a) if repairs are made following floods and before the occurrence of succeeding floods and (b) if flooded parts of the house are utilized in the normal or "floodfree" manner. When building values are not maintained and when basements, for example, are not utilized for normal purposes because of frequent flooding, account of these conditions should be taken in adjusting damage appraisals downward from the losses which would occur under less frequent flood conditions. However, if flood stages and frequency are expected to be reduced through works of improvement, possible enhancement of residential values should be considered.

# 4. Other floodwater damage.

There may be flood damage of types other than those described here in an occasional watershed. If so, the damage should not be neglected, although special procedures for its evaluation may need to be devised. Loss of life in the watershed during floods, although not evaluated in monetary terms, should be reported as an intangible damage.

# FLOOD DAMAGE - RESIDENTIAL (Sample)

Watershed	Reach
Location of property: Stream mile	No.
Occupant	Years Occupancy
Damaging floods: No Dates	
APPRAISAL	
Property damaged	:Experienced or Potential Floods :: : : :
	: Extent of damage
Residence and contents	• • •
(Depth of water in basement)	
(Depth of water on first floor)	
Foundation	
Basement and contents	
Floors and walls	
Furniture	
Personal belongings	: :
	• • •
	:
Lawn	• • •
Garage (depth of water)	: :
Other buildings (depth of water)	• • •
	• • •
Automobiles (depth of water)	
	• • •
Other losses	
	• • • • •
	•
Clean-up	
Relevant Data:  Type of residence: Frame Market value of value of furniture \$ . For emergency activity for prevention	asonry Size of residence residence Replacement experienced flood describe any of losses or evacuation
1/ Indicate the date of experienced	floods. Show height of other flood

<sup>1/</sup> Indicate the date of experienced floods. Show height of other flood stages in terms of plus or minus depth increments referenced to the experienced flood.

## D. Analysis of Data.

## 1. Stage-damage curves.

The flood stage affects flood damage in two ways. The first is through the area inundated which varies with stage height. The areas inundated by representative flood stages are usually plotted on cross section paper and stage-area curves derived for each evaluation reach. But, in many cases the flood damage varies with the depth of inundation. Part of the added damage with increased depth undoubtedly arises from the fact that velocity increases as depth increases. Therefore, damage factors applicable to specific depths of flooding need to be derived. As a preliminary to making damage determinations, curves are constructed relating the stage and area inundated at various depths. The attached example is taken from Appendix II, Plate 14 of the Pond Creek Joint Study Report. (See Hydrology Handbook for details on their preparation.)

Separate stage-damage curves for crop damage will need to be constructed for each month or season. For example, it may be assumed that the analysis of crop and pasture damage, described in Section C-l of this chapter, shows that in Reach l in the attached inundated stage-area curve for Pond Creek, during a given month, the crop damages for given depths are:

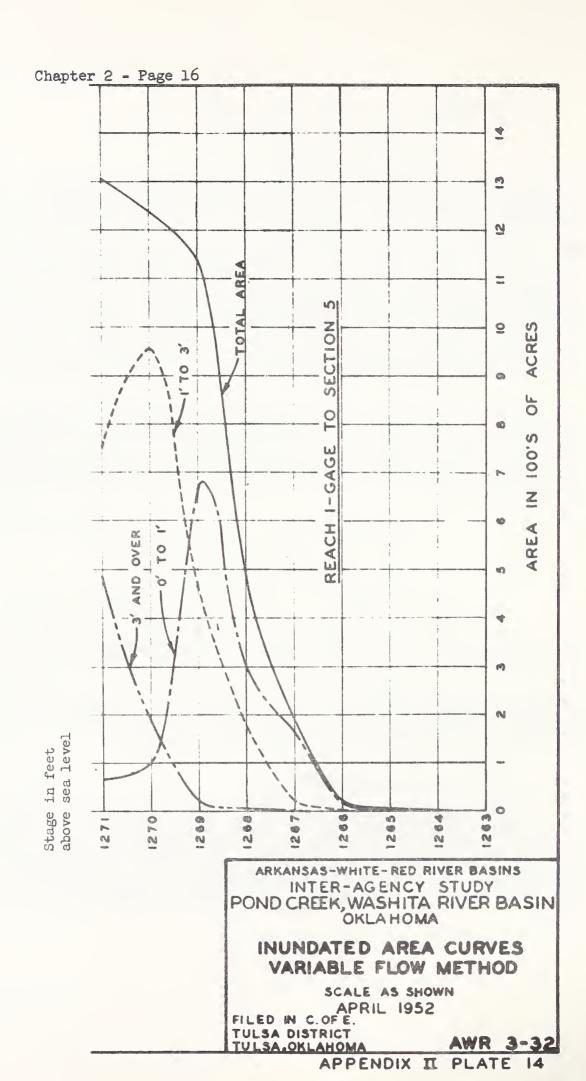
0 -	1	foot	\$3.00
1.1 -	3	feet	5.00
Over	3	feet	7.00

When these damage rates are applied to the areas inundated to various depths, the stage-damage curve shown in Figure 1 is obtained.

Stage-damage curves for other agricultural, residential, railroad, highway and similar types of damage may be obtained in like fashion. Ordinarily for damages of these types, separate curves will not need to be constructed for each month or season.

# 2. Stage-discharge curves.

In order for the economist to relate damage to experienced floods of known size, the hydrologist will prepare curves showing the relationship between flood discharge and flood stage. The procedure for doing this is outlined in the Hydrology Guide. From these curves and the stage-damage curves described in D-1 above, the flood damage for the different floods in the series can be computed.



# 3. Adjustment for damage recurrence.

Several floods often occur in a single year. In such cases it is incorrect to add the total damage to crops and pasture for each flood and use the sum as the total damage. The first flood will reduce somewhat the value of the crops but in the period between the first and second floods a portion of the value may be restored. One method of calculating these changes in value, and resulting damage, is illustrated in the attached table. This procedure may be used as a basis for derivation of a short-cut formula such as the one being used in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. In the equation 1/Y = 0.8525 + 0.1494X, X is the total area flooded by all floods in the series, divided by the sum of the areas flooded by the largest flood each year in the series. Y is the percentage of the damage, as calculated from the individual flood events, to be used in correcting for recurring floods. This equation allows for some restoration of value between floods. If an average of three or more floods occur per year during the evaluation series, it is suggested that the equation 1/Y = 0.7706 + 0.2387X be substituted. This equation does not allow for restoration of value.

In the four-state area in which it is used, the equation has been tested repeatedly, both in Soil Conservation Service flood prevention operations and in appraisal of Corps of Engineers flood control works. It gives results which seldom differ from those obtained through a flood-by-flood analysis by over two percent. Presumably in other areas of the country where growing seasons and crops are different, a somewhat different equation should be derived.

An example of the correction under the first equation follows: The total acreage flooded by all floods in a 20-year period was 200,000 acres. There was no flood one year and total acreage flooded by the largest flood was 80,000 acres. X therefore equals 2.50. The annual damage found by considering the floods separately was \$50,000. Substituting in the formula 1/Y = 0.8525 + 0.1494(2.50) = 0.8525 + 0.3735 - 1.2260, Y = 81.566%. The corrected average annual damage to crops and pasture would thus be 81.566% of \$50,000 or \$40,783.

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ALMOSTMENT OF ESTIMATES OF CHOP AND PASTURES DAMAGE FOR EXCURENCE FRENCEDURE FOR POST CREEK (Oross Value of Production - \$31.62 Per Acre)

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This correction applies only to crop and pasture damage. Ordinarily the farmer can fix fences and restore the value to most of the other flood damaged property before he can get into his fields after a flood to replant or to cultivate.

## 4. Indirect damage.

Indirect damages include losses which result from direct floodwater damages. Examples of such indirect damages include an electric power plant being flooded so that power is no longer produced and spoilage takes place in freezers and refrigerators operated by electricity; a bridge washed out and traffic is forced to detour a considerable distance; the flood causes interruption in the feeding regimen of a livestock producer and, although his livestock were not in the flood, the upset slows down the rate of gain and causes extra expense before they are marketable. In estimating indirect damage, care must be taken to avoid double counting. For example, a house may be flooded and the family living there may lose its clothing. This loss is a direct damage, but the value of substitute clothing supplied by a relief agency would not be an additional indirect damage.

In preparing damage estimates, the question of how to arrive at dollar values for indirect primary damages arises. In the past, it has been common practice to assume that indirect damage is some percentage of the direct. By simple application of a percent factor the indirect damage is said to be so many dollars. It is generally agreed that in many cases it may be incorrect to assume that there is a positive correlation between the direct and indirect damage. In order to avoid possible errors in this regard, it is suggested that the following procedures be used in estimating indirect damage:

- a. Where time and personnel are available and indirect damages appear important, make an adequate number of sample studies by personal interviews with residents in the watershed to establish a base for different sizes of floods from which to estimate the probable indirect losses caused by floods.
- b. By plotting the basic data for the different size floods, it will be possible to draw a stage-damage curve or curves which can then be used to prepare estimates.
- c. In those cases where time and personnel will not permit sample studies as outlined in a and b above, it will be permissible to assume that indirect damage is a reasonable percentage of the direct. The indirect damage should not ordinarily exceed ten percent of the direct unless it is documented.

A special case occurs when there is floodwater and sediment damage to irrigation facilities. Destruction or silting up of irrigation works may easily cause the complete loss in unflooded areas of crops dependent upon the irrigation water. This type of damage may be appraised with little difficulty by means of damage schedules taken in the field.

## III. DAMAGE APPRAISAL - OVERLAND FLOODS

In portions of the country, ephemeral streams may discharge their floodwater onto alluvial areas with no defined channel to the main water-course of which they are tributary. Usually these alluvial areas are flat or only gently sloping in both directions and the floodwater spreads out until the flow is eventually dissipated. This situation wherein there is virtually no channel or where the possibility of lateral spreading is great is called overland flooding.

Under natural conditions, these alluvial areas were natural spreading areas for runoff. Because of favorable topographic and soil characteristics many have been developed into highly productive farming areas and in some cases into urban and suburban areas. The increased value of property and its greater susceptibility to damage, together with the inability of individuals to protect their property because of the unpredictable path of the flood flows, has created serious though local flood problems.

## A. Special Problems of Damage Appraisal.

The use of the damage-discharge or damage-stage approach in river and creek valleys is generally accepted as the best method of damage appraisal. This is because floods of given discharge can be converted to flood stage by acceptable flood routing techniques. Peak discharge and flood stage have little meaning in overland floods. When the floodwater emerges from the canyon section onto the alluvial fan or plain the flood peak is quickly flattened. As a result, the area flooded is not a direct function of the peak discharge except as it may overtop diversion dikes built to direct its course away from a portion of the flood plain. More generally, the area flooded is directly related to the flood volume and the greater the volume, the greater is the area flooded.

Overland floods seldom follow the same path. During the interval between floods, even minor changes in the flood plain such as small dikes, road and railroad fills, irrigation ditches or even land levelling have been known to alter the course of flood flows. Sediment deposition where their is an abrupt change of grade is also an important factor in altering their course. These factors suggest that historical damages may not be a reliable index of what may happen in the future.

This problem may not be too important when there is considerable homogeneity of property in various portions of the flood plain.

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From the standpoint of total flood damage, it is not too important to forecast whether Mr. Jones or Mr. Smith's cotton crop will be damaged by the next flood. Neither does it matter whether the flood will wash out the railroad again at milepost 362 if instead it washes it out at milepost 364. However, it does make a difference though whether 20 acres of wasteland or 20 acres of urban property is flooded. To predicate a flood prevention program on either condition without regard to alternative probabilities, based on present or anticipated flood plain conditions, is dangerous.

Procedures for dealing with these problems are discussed in the following section.

#### B. Procedure for Damage Appraisal.

In appraising flood damages from overland flow, it is usually desirable to relate experienced or forecasted damages to floods of known or estimated size. Without exception, small watersheds of this type do not have gaging stations and the estimating of flood sizes imposes special problems on the hydrologist which need not be considered here. For reasons pointed out above, the peak discharge is not important, but the flood volume is. Where little or no ponding occurs, it has been found that there is a good correlation between size of flood (acre feet) and acres flooded.

The relationship is illustrated in the White Tanks Watershed in Arizona. Floodwater from this watershed debouches from the White Tanks mountains onto a highly productive gently sloping flood plain. Once the floodwater breaks through the highline irrigation canal, it spreads out over the farm land in relatively shallow sheet flows except where it is concentrated or obstructed by railroad and road fills, ditches or other man-made obstacles. Seldom does it reach the Agua Fria or Gila Rivers. The relationship between flood volume and acreage flooded is shown in the following tabulation:

Flood Date	Volume acre feet	Acres crop land flooded	Acres flooded per acre foot
Aug. 1939 Sept. 1946 Sept. 1949 Jan. 1951 July-Aug. 1951	3,500 7,000 2,500 5,500 11,500	4,600 7,500 3,000 7,000 14,100	1.3 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.2
Total	30,000	36,200	1.2

It should be noted that in this watershed there is a large area of crop land that lies in the flood plain, not all of which would be

subject to flooding by a single flood, but most of which is subject to the flood hazard by slight changes in the paths of flood flows. Even the 100-year flood would inundate only about 25% of the flood damage area.

In overland flow situations with relatively little ponding, farm damage per acre flooded appears to be relatively constant irrespective of the size of the flood. This is illustrated again in the following tabulation for the White Tanks Watershed for two floods, both of which occurred in August:

Type of Damage	1939 Flood	1951 Flood
Crop Land Farm ditches Misc. farm damage	\$28.75 8.89 3.91 1.69	\$28.60 10.14 3.60 3.11
Total farm damage/acre flooded	\$43.24	\$45.45

Since the 1951 flood was over three times as large as the 1939 flood, it was concluded that flood damage was proportional to the acreage flooded, which in turn was proportional to the flood volume. Hence, it was necessary only for the hydrologist to determine a flood volume-frequency series which provided the basis for determining average annual flood damages over a normal hydrologic period.

It might be inferred that this method of damage appraisal does not consider the factor of depth of flooding which has been found to be the most important single factor of damage variation in many cases. This inference, however, is not necessarily correct. Depth of flooding was important to the foregoing example, as shown by damage schedules. Hence, it must be concluded that the mean depth of flooding and the distribution of acreage flooded by depths (percentage wise) was the same regardless of the size of the flood.

A somewhat different flood plain is found in the Rio Grande Valley in the vicinity of Hatch, New Mexico. Here lateral arroyos discharge floodwater onto the irrigated farm area. In most cases the stream channels have been completely obliterated by farming. Because of the flat terrain of the flood plain, water tends to pond behind some obstruction but seldom is there sufficient flood volume to overtop and break the obstruction. Hence, the area flooded by small floods is almost as great as the area flooded by larger floods. This is in almost direct contrast to the White Tanks situation described above. The principal crop grown in the flood plain is cotton and damage to this crop constitutes the largest single item of damage. An analysis of damage schedules covering flood depths from 6 inches to over 3 feet showed that crop damage was directly related to depth of flooding. Flooding of 10 acres to a depth of 2 feet resulted in about the same damage as flooding 20 acres

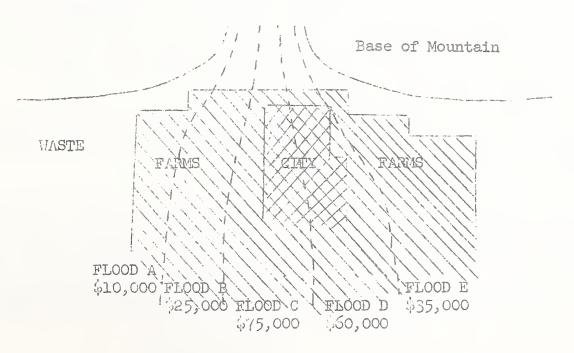


to a depth of 1 foot. Hence, cotton damage per acre-inch (or acre-foot) of flooding was concluded to be a constant. Obviously, the cotton damage was directly related to flood volume as it was in the White Tanks Watershed.

Even though the two watersheds represent considerably different flood plain characteristics, it was concluded that flood damages vary with the flood volumes even though the relationship is not necessarily the same in different watersheds. The validity of this conclusion has not been tested sufficiently to warrant the assumption that it will work in damage appraisal of all flood plains where the flood problem is the overland flow type. Because of its simplicity in application, however, it does appear that this method of damage appraisal warrants first consideration in this type of watershed.

It has been pointed out that one characteristic of overland flows particularly where there is little or no stream channel is that paths of such flows cannot be predicted. This is also true of mud flows in some sections of the west. This problem is not particularly important where there is homogeneity in the flood plain. However, many alluvial fans or other alluvial areas exhibit a wide variety of damage potential due to differences in kind and extent of development. If a flood strikes the developed area of the flood plain serious damages may result, whereas if it followed a path through the undeveloped area little or no damage would occur. Hence, it is necessary in such situations to determine the mean damage resulting from a flood of certain size, taking into consideration the probability of the flood following any one of several possible paths.

This problem is illustrated in the following sketch:



Through the use of topographic surveys, aerial photographs, and maps of historical flood flows, flood paths A, B, C, D and E are traced through the flood plain. Flood damages are determined from known relationships between damages, flood depths, and velocity. If a flood of the magnitude being studied has an equal chance of following each of the flood paths then the probable damage from such a flood is equal to the mean value of the five alternatives which in this example is \$41,000. Similar studies would be made for floods of different magnitudes which would furnish the basis for damage-discharge curves.

This technique is also adaptable to several subwatersheds having a common flood plain and where centering of storms over the different subwatersheds has a significant effect on flood damage.

#### IV. CALCULATION OF AVERAGE ANNUAL DAMAGE

Two methods are generally used to determine average annual floodwater damages. These are commonly termed the historical series and frequency series.

## A. Historical Series.

The historical series is applicable only when rainfall and the frequency and sizes of floods are approximately normal. Essentially it is based upon the assumption that a sequence of events that has occurred in the past will also occur in the future. Ordinarily floods of extreme magnitude are excluded from the series. This method is generally used where there is a record of stream flow, floods are frequent, and damages are primarily agricultural.

After the various categories of damage have been appraised for each flood under existing conditions, the sum of the damages for all floods during the evaluation should be obtained and divided by the number of years in the period. This will give the unadjusted average annual damage. This figure is then adjusted for recurrent flooding, or other necessary adjustments to obtain the average annual damage.

The same procedure is followed to determine damages after land treatment and after each phase of the program. The difference in damage between the before and after period for each phase of the program represents the benefit for that phase.

Caution should be observed with regard to the evaluation period. It often happens that the period of record of stream gages or rain gages involves fractional parts of a year. Evaluation periods should comprise complete years, dropping all fractional periods from consideration. It should also be noted that unless floods are an annual occurrence an error may be introduced by starting and ending the flood period with floods. For example, flood damages may be estimated for a period of 20 years



(1937 - 1956 inclusive) during which time 7 floods occurred. An examination of the record (or other reliable sources) shows that the last flood previous to 1937 occurred in 1934. Hence the flood period covers 22 years (1935 - 1956 inclusive) rather than 20.

## B. Frequency Series.

The frequency series, used in flood damage appraisal, involves the establishment of four basic relationships of flood characteristics. These associations, generally expressed by means of graphs, include the following:

- 1. Flood stage versus damage.
- 2. Flood stage versus peak discharge.
- 3. Peak discharge versus frequency of occurrence.
- 4. Flood damage versus frequency of occurrence.

Development of these four graphs, illustrated in Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4, makes possible the computation of average annual flood damages for the stream reach covered by the graphs.

## 1. Stage damage.

Flood damage surveys provide the basis for formulating this curve (Figure 1). The height of an experienced flood is used as the base point from which stages of other experienced or potential floods are referenced. Damages are appraised for sufficient stages to adequately define the shape of the curve. Columns 1 and 2, table 7, illustrate this phase of the frequency method.

# 2. Stage discharge and discharge frequency.

Derivation of these two graphs required in application of the frequency method of damage appraisal is shown in the Hydrology Guide. Figures 2 and 3 and columns 3 and 4 of table 1 indicate application of these data in the procedure.

The damage-frequency curve, Figure 4, is drawn through the plotted values of corresponding damage and frequency obtained from the graphs described above. The values used in producing this graph are shown in table 1. Average annual damage is determined from the damage-frequency curve by the following calculations:

a. Planimeter in square inches the area enclosed by the curve.

- b. Determine the product of the values of the abscissa and the ordinate at the point one inch from the point of origin. This value determined from Figure 4 is obtained as follows: abscissa 1 percent, ordinate \$100,000 giving a product of \$1,000.
- c. Product of the total square inches measured in a (13.39) and unit value per square inch measured in b (\$1,000) is equal to average annual damage (\$13,390).

The frequency series, as described above, is generally suited to stream reaches where damaging floods are infrequent. In these circumstances, if a significant flood problem exists, the major type of damage usually is non-agricultural. In contrast, on stream reaches where floods are frequent, the major type of damage is usually agricultural. The frequency series offers an approach to computing average annual damages by weighting the effect of all floods without estimating losses separately for each flood in a long series of events, thereby providing an adequate estimate at a saving of work over the historical series method.

In reaches where crops are flooded more frequently than once a year, the damaging effect of the succeeding flood oftentimes is altered by the effects of the previous flood. It is impractical, under these circumstances, to adjust crop damages unless the historical series method is used. Where crops are flooded frequently and damage from this source constitutes a substantial part of the total flood damage, the frequency method should not be used.

When crop damages are involved in the damage frequency method, it is necessary to make an adjustment in the stage-damage relationship to account for the seasonal distribution of floods. This adjustment is required in order to account for the difference in flood damage resulting from given flood stages during different periods of plant growth. Relative frequencies by seasons or months furnish the basis for making the adjustment. Methods of frequency determination are described in the Hydrology Guide.

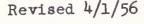


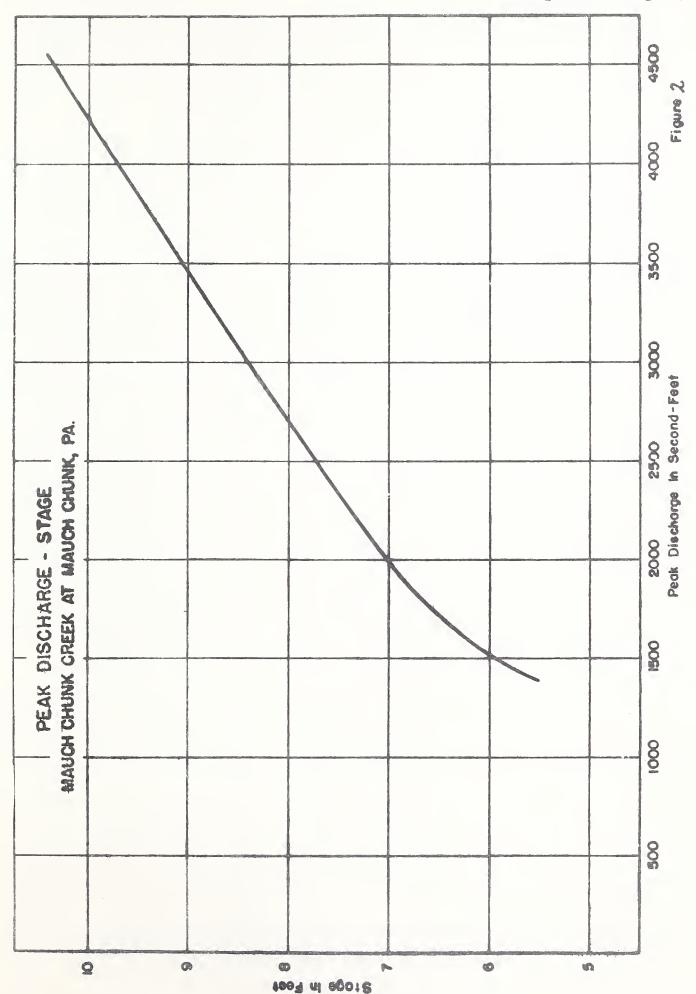
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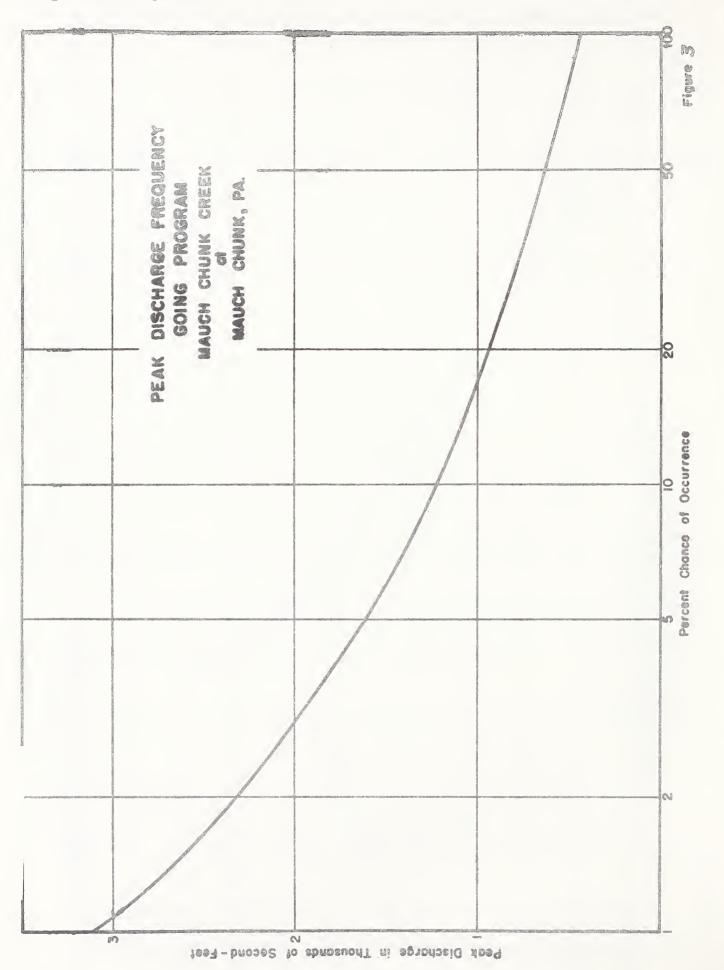
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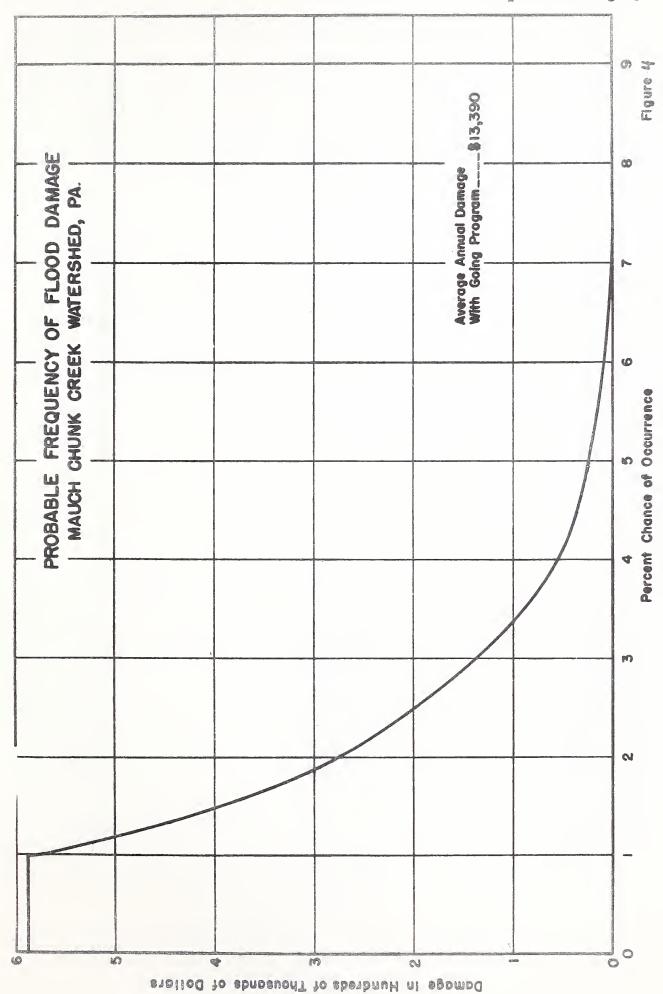
Flood stage in relation to flood of 6/15/45	Damage	Peak discharge	Chance of occurrence 1/
(Feet)	(Dollars)	(c.f.s.)	(Percent)
+ 2	1,000,000	4,200	less than 1
+ 1	720,000	3,450	less than 1
6/15/45	410,000	2,800	1.4
- 1	110,000	2,000	3.2
-2	10,000	1,500	6.0
-1	0	1,200	7.5

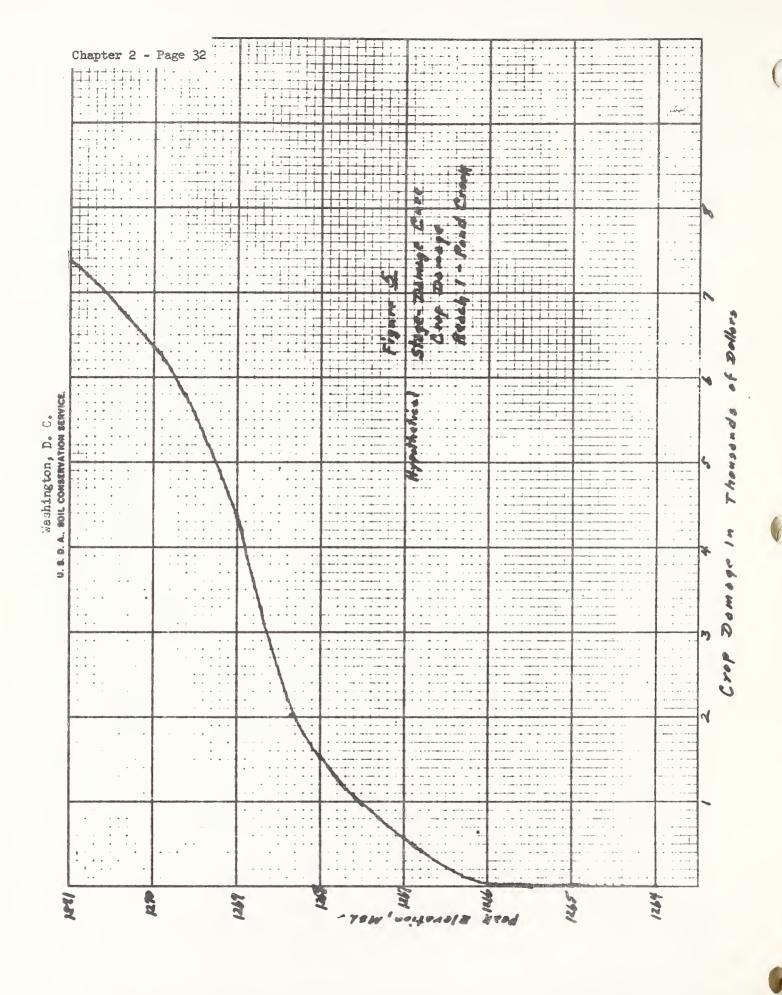
I/ Frequency of occurrence may be expressed in several ways, each of which may be converted to the other. The term used herein should be interpreted to mean the percent chance of a given peak discharge being equalled or exceeded in any one year.

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#### CHAPTER 3

## APPRAISAL OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION DAMAGE

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#### I. EVALUATION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURAL LAND

These damages reduce the productive capacity of land and may cause a change to less profitable use. The evaluation of damage should reflect the extent to which these adverse effects reduce net income. The evaluation should be based on productivity, land use, and net income under present conditions. Recovery of productivity and income due to natural processes or normal cultivation practices (without the program) should be taken into account.

All damage values should be converted to average annual values. Where discounting is necessary, the interest rate used should reflect the interests concerned (Federal; non-Federal, public and private). Average annual damage values should be calculated for each reach or significant subdivision of the watershed to permit benefit appraisal and program analysis.

A. Flood Plain Erosion and Sediment Damage Evaluation Methods (Agricultural Land).

# l. The method used in evaluating these damages is based on the following:

- a. Primarily, damage is a function of frequency of occurrence of floods varying in magnitude, duration and severity; secondly, a function of susceptibility of land to damage; and thirdly, sediment characteristics of the flow.
- b. Benefits creditable to remedial measures are dependent upon the extent of modification of frequency of flooding, susceptibility of land to damage, and sediment characteristics of the flow. (Susceptibility of land to damage pertains to natural soil characteristics as well as protection afforded by vegetation or mechanical control.)
- c. Where the program modifies the frequency of flooding and, in addition, modifies sediment characteristics of the flow, the effect on frequency of flooding should be measured first. Damages (or benefits) with the program, so determined, should then be adjusted to take into account changes in sediment characteristics of the flow brought about by control of sediment at its source by measures installed on the flood plain, stream channels and banks, and upland.

# 2. Damage evaluation.

a. The following information should be obtained for selected floods by interviewing farmers and by field inspection by technicians

<sup>1/</sup> Gross value of production less crop production costs (growing, harvesting storing and marketing costs).

(economists and geologists). Whenever possible, technicians should be accompanied by farmers during field investigations in order that information can be obtained on specific areas of damage. The information indicated below should be obtained on all damaged areas within the sample for the floods selected for study.

- (1) Acres damaged by selected floods.
- (2) Percent of damage and income of land year after flood.
  - (3) Maximum recovery expected by selected floods.
  - (4) Time required to reach maximum recovery.
- b. Net income values used should represent the difference in gross value of production less crop production costs (growing, harvesting, storing and marketing costs).
- c. Calculation of damage by specific floods is demonstrated below. It is assumed that the above information is at hand for specific floods. Frequency and discharge of floods for which damages are calculated are indicated:

# 1954 Flood: Frequency 50%; Discharge 130 cfs.

Income of land just prior to damage by this flood	\$19.95
Maximum recovery and income at maximum recovery-100%	19.95
Damage and income year after this flood-10%	15.82
Recovery time	4 years
Area damaged by this flood	l acre
Damage calculation:	

# 1948 Flood: Frequency 20%; Discharge 170 cfs.

Income of land just prior to damage by this flood	\$19.95
Maximum recovery and income at maximum recovery-97%	18.71
Damage and income year after this flood-15%	13.76
Recovery time	7 years
Area damaged by this flood	2 acres

1/ PV decreasing annuity factor, 4 years @ 4%

Damage calculations:

\$19.95 - \$18.71 x 
$$25^{2/}$$
 \$31  

$$\frac{$18.71 - $13.76}{7} \times $24.95^{3/}$$
(Damaged)  $\frac{2}{$98}$  acres

1946 Flood: Frequency 2%; Discharge 260 cfs; Damage \$770

1950 Flood: Frequency 1%; Discharge 290 cfs; Damage \$2,470

## Summary:

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Flood	Frequency	Discharge	Sample	Reach
1954 1948 1946	50% 20% 2%	130 170 260	\$ 10 98 770	\$ 20 196 1,450
1950	1%	290	2,470	4,940

Damage for selected floods may also be evaluated by estimating the cost of repairing damage. However, in those instances where repair of flood plain damage after each flood is not the prevailing practice, estimates of cost of repair should be checked with estimates of damage determined by use of the above method and, whichever method gives the lowest damage figure, should be used in calculating average annual damage.

# d. Calculation of average annual damage:

(1) Damages as related to frequency of flooding.

The use of the above damage data for selected floods in determining annual damage with and without the program requires the use of discharge-frequency curves representing conditions without the program and conditions as modified by the program. The damage-frequency curve for damage without the program can be plotted direct from the applicable discharge-frequency curve. But, preparation of a discharge-damage curve is needed to plot the damage-frequency curve for conditions with the program.

PV annuity factor, perpetuity @ 4%

<sup>2/</sup> PV annuity factor, perpetuity # +p 3/ PV decreasing annuity factor, 7 years @ 4%

The discharge-damage curve can be plotted by using damage by specific floods and discharges associated therewith. These data are presented in the above summary table. Damage-frequency curves with and without the program should be plotted on the same chart. The area below each curve represents the average annual damage for each condition; i.e., with and without the program. The area between the two curves represents the average annual benefit.

Based on assumed discharge-frequency curves with and without the program, from the data shown in the above "Summary" a discharge-damage curve can be prepared as well as damage-frequency curves (with and without program) by plotting the following points:

Frequency (%)	Without Program Discharge (cfs)	$\frac{\text{Damage}^2/}{(\$)}$	With Pro Discharge / (cfs)	Damage 4/
50	130	20	110	10
20	170	196	140	100
2	260	1,540	220	900
1	290	4,940	260	1,540

(2) Damages with the program as effected by changes in control of sediment at its source.

The control of sediment at its source, whether upland stream channels and banks, or flood plain, by either vegetative or mechanical measures, may result in damage reduction in addition to that obtained by reducing the frequency of flood. This damage reduction may be taken into account by applying the percentage of reduction in source of sediment to the damage remaining after deducting effects of reduction in frequency of flooding.

(3) Damages with the program as affected by reduction in susceptibility of land to damage.

Where streambank erosion control measures are installed to attain control over and above that obtained by reduction in frequency of flooding, the effect of the measures in further reducing streambank erosion should be taken into account in determining the damage with the program and the benefit creditable to remedial measures.

From discharge-frequency curve without program.

From damages calculated for selected floods; i.e., 1954, 1948, 1946, 1950 floods related to frequencies indicated.

From discharge-frequency curve with program.

From discharge-damage curve (discharge-damage curve prepared by plotting data under "discharge" and "damage" without program)

- 3. An example of an alternate method of evaluating different kinds of agricultural land damage by erosion and sediment is presented in Appendix B. The method is based on the supposition that productivity will continue to decrease at about the rate that has prevailed over the period of cultivation, or other applicable period.
  - B. Upland Gully and Sheet Erosion Damage (Agricultural Land)
    - 1. Gully erosion evaluation.

The evaluation is based on the following general factors:

- a. The difference in use and net income on damaged land, and undamaged land subject to gullying.
- b. The rate at which land is expected to be converted to lower income producing use due to field dissection.

Field observations will indicate the difference in use of gullied land, the use of land subject to gullying, the total area damaged and the total area subject to damage. The rate at which land is expected to be converted to lower income uses may be calculated by dividing the acreage on which gullying has caused a change in land use by the period over which this damage has occurred. The maximum period over which this rate can occur will be limited by the remaining area subject to damage. The net income value used in the evaluation may be computed as the gross value of crop production less production costs (growing, harvesting, storing, marketing costs). Sample calculation follows:

(1) Observed area on which gullying has caused a	400 acres
change in land use.  (2) Period over which gullying has occurred  (3) Annual rate of conversion to lower income use 400  (4) Area subject to future changed land use be-	50 years 8 acres
cause of gullying (5) Maximum period over which damage can occur 320	320 acres 40 years
(6) Difference in net income on gullied land and on 1 gullying: Ungullied land Gullied land (pasture \$5 x .80 = \$4) (gullies & idle 0 x .20 = 0)	and subject to \$20
	\$16 per acre
(7) Average annual damage: \$16 x 8 acres x 19.79277	事 あと、うろろ

Discount factor: 19.79277 PV of 1, 40 years, 4% interest

## 2. Sheet erosion evaluation methods.

Experimental data indicate that sheet erosion damages the productivity capacity of the soil more or less permanently. Future yields on eroding fields may not decline in actuality because of the offsetting effects of improved fertility practices, however, yields will be less than they would have been had erosion not occurred.

The acreage upon which erosion damage is calculated should comprise only that acreage upon which the erosion exceeds the "allowable loss". Usually this will exclude land in permanent pasture, woods and other protective vegetative covers and cropland protected by conservation practices. The acreage should also exclude non-eroding land and land upon which erosion does not permanently impair productive capacity.

The evaluation should take into account the erosion that can be sustained without causing a reduction in the productive capacity of the soil. The amount that can be sustained is designated here as "allowable loss". (Sheet erosion control programs are usually geared to reducing soil losses at least to the "allowable loss".) The rate at which yields or productive capacity may be expected to decrease may be calculated as follows:

Erosion conditions under present land use:

	Corn 25%	Grain 25%	Hay 50%	Average	1/
	(t/ac)	(t/ac)	(t/ac)	(t/ac)	(ac/in)
Gross annual soil removal "Allowable loss"	18 -3	10 <del>-</del> 3	4 -3	9 <del>-</del> 3	.06 .02
Loss affecting decline of productive capacity	15	7	1	6	.04

Experimental data indicate a relationship between surface soil depth and crop yields. The average decline per inch of soil removal may be calculated as follows:

Yield decline per inch of soil removed: Corn 16%, Grain 8%, Hay 2% Present land use: Corn 25%, Grain 25%, Hay 50% Average decline per inch of soil removal: 7%

The period over which present rate of loss should be extended may be keyed to the time required for land to move to a lower capability class. The calculation of average annual damage follows:

<sup>1/ 150</sup> tons = 1 acre inch

.06 acre inches Gross average annual soil removal "Allowable loss" .02 acre inches .04 acre inches Loss affecting decline in yield Yield decline per inch of topsoil removal 7% No. years for land to drop one capability class 25 years Soil loss during 25-year period affecting yield decline:  $25 \times .04$ l acre inch Productivity level (yield) and net income 25 years hence: 100 - 7 = 93\$17.00 per acre Rate of income loss: \$19.95 Present income (productivity level = 100) 25 years hence (productivity level = 93) 17.00 \$2.95 + 25 years .118 per acre

Average annual damage without program:

.118 x 171.72608 = 20.26368 .118 x 25 x 25 x .37512 =  $\frac{27.66510}{47.92878}$  x .04 = \$1.92 per acre

No. acres subject to damage 10,000 acres Average annual damage: 10,000 x 1.92 \$19,200 Discount factors:

25 PV of 1 per annum - perpetuity 171.72608 PV of increasing annuity - 25 years .37512 PV of 1, 25 years hence

#### II. EVALUATION OF GULLY EROSION DAMAGE TO LAND IMPROVEMENTS

The progressive land destruction by gully erosion often damages non-agricultural property including highways and other structures as well as farm improvements and structures such as buildings, fences, roads, etc. Expenditures made for temporary or emergency measures for protection of structures from gully erosion should be included in the average annual damage figure. Expenditures primarily made for measures providing more or less permanent protection should not be included in the average annual damage. Where it is feasible to relocate buildings and structures, the damage without the program can be estimated by determining the cost of relocation, including any loss of income or services because of relocation. In the case of expected damage to the highways, the cost involved in repairing the initial damage to the highway, plus the initial bridging and future bridging costs during the time the gully enlarges to its maximum width and extent can be used as the basis for evaluating expected damage without a program. Where a significant period is expected to

elapse before relocation repair, or other expenditures brought about by gullying, appropriate discounting procedures should be employed.

Calculations of average annual damage expected without the program are shown below. (The damage figures represent the average annual equivalent values of expenditures that will not have to be made if stabilization measures are installed.)

A. Where Relocation of Property is Feasible.

Cost of relocation \$6,000
Years to point where gullying causes relocation 5
Average annual damage \$6,000 x .82193 x .04 \$ 197

Discount factor: .82193 PV of 1, 5 years, 4% interest

B. Where Gullying is Expected to Damage Highway.

Cost to repair highway and bridging costs \$20,000
Years to point where gullying causes expenditures
Average annual damage \$20,000 x .88385 x .025 \$ 442

Discount factor: .88385 PV of 1, 5 years at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest

#### III. EVALUATION OF STREAMBANK EROSION DAMAGE TO LAND IMPROVEMENTS

The progressive land destruction by streambank erosion often damages non-agricultural property, such as highways, bridges, culverts, streets, sewage facilities, business and residential values, etc., as well as farm improvements, including farm buildings, fences, roads, drainage facilities, etc. The threat of land destruction may depress the value of land suitable for residential, industrial and business use or for specialized intensive agricultural use, or it may completely prevent residential, industrial, or business expansion and development in the most logical and advantageous direction. The benefits from the control of these latter adverse effects should be evaluated as enhancement of property values rather than streambank erosion damage. Expenditures made for temporary or emergency measures for protection from streambank erosion should be converted to average annual values and treated as streambank erosion damage. Expenditures previously made for measures providing more or less permanent protection should be excluded from the damage value.

The evaluation should be based on the most probable course of action. In certain instances streambank erosion can be expected to progress to the point that specific structures, businesses or properties,

will be damaged or destroyed. Where it is not feasible to relocate a structure or where property is irreplacable, the damage can be considered as equal to the value of the structure less salvage value. Where relocation of the structure is feasible, the damage can be estimated by determining the cost of relocation, including any loss of income or business because of location.

The period of time before streambank erosion is expected to progress to the point of damaging or destroying the structure, or causing replacement or relocation, should be taken into account in computing the average annual damage by applying appropriate discounting procedures. Calculations of the average annual damage expected without the program are shown below. (The values represent average annual equivalent values of expenditures or losses that will not be experienced if streambank erosion control measures are installed.)

A. Where it is Not Feasible to Relocate a Structure or Business.

Value of structure, business and business property,
less salvage value \$100,000
Years to point where erosion destroys structures,
business or property 5
Average annual damage \$100,000 x .82193 x .04 \$ 3,288

Discount factor: .82193 PV of 1, 5 years, 4% interest

B. Where Relocation of Business or Property is Feasible.

Cost of relocating structure, residence, etc. \$ 5,000
Years to point where erosion causes relocation 7
Average annual damage \$5,000 x .75992 x .04 \$ 152

Discount factor .75992 PV of 1, 7 years, 4% interest

#### IV. EVALUATION OF SEDIMENT DAMAGE TO RAILROADS AND HIGHWAYS

In many instances local governments and railroad companies spend considerable sums for the removal of sediment to maintain transportation services and to protect investments in roads and structures. Most frequently the expenditures are made to remove sediment from road surfaces, road ditches, culvert and bridge openings, and from those drainageways served by bridges and culverts. The removal of sediment from bridges and culverts and adjacent drainageways is usually done to protect structures, including road surfaces and roadbeds, from overflow or other types of floodwater damage. The extent of such expenditures may be treated as representing sediment damage to highways and railroads. Occasionally sediment is not removed in sufficient quantities to maintain services or prevent damage. In these cases, either the cost of removing sediment

necessary to maintain services and prevent damage may be estimated or the damage caused to rights-of-way and structures, and value of services lost because of sediment deposition, may be estimated and used in evaluating the average annual damage expected without a program.

In most instances, the average annual damage can be calculated by obtaining the sum of expenditures for sediment removal over a representative period of years and dividing by the number of years of record. The expenditures should be itemized in such a manner as to permit an evaluation of the effects of the program; i.e., the costs for removing sediment from culverts and bridges and drainageways adjacent thereto, should be separated from the cost of removing sediment from road ditches or for removing sediment from road surfaces. As to road ditches, often a major source of the material removed is from the road surface and its replacement is a part of normal road maintenance and not associated with sediment damage. In such cases, the additional expense occasioned for the removal of sediment originating from erosion at sources other than road surfaces should be estimated and used in the damage evaluation. It is important to obtain from the informant an estimate as to what, in his opinion and experience, is the source of sediment being removed. With this information, along with that obtained from investigation by physical scientists with respect to source of sediment, it will be possible to estimate the benefits of the program in reducing sediment damage either through erosion-control measures, water-flow measures, or measures for sediment entrapment.

# V. EVALUATION OF SEDIMENT DAMAGE TO MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER SUPPLIES

The sediment content of water used for municipal and industrial purposes may result either in expenditures for treating water so that it is suitable for these purposes, or in damage to machinery or other water facilities or impairment of the quality of the manufactured product. (Sediment damage evaluation considered here is not concerned with loss of reservoir storage capacity.) In some instances, these adverse effects may be factors influencing the location of water storage facilities or the location of industrial plants resulting in a more costly supply of water or less efficient production than would otherwise be the case. These costs are difficult to establish with a reasonably wide degree of acceptance, so unless firm bases for estimates are available, they should not be included in the damage evaluation.

The monetary evaluation of sediment damage usually can be made by obtaining the expenditures made by municipalities or industrial concerns for treatment of water to correct the damaging effects of sediment or by obtaining estimates of damage to machinery and the reduction in quality of product. In many instances, water is treated to correct the sediment content as well as other conditions affecting the use of water.

In such instances, only the additional treatment costs made necessary because of sediment should be used in evaluating sediment damage. In appraising the damage to machinery, expenditures for repairs and the reduced life of machinery can be used as the bases for estimating the average annual damage. Where the useful life of machinery or other water supply facilities are impaired, estimates of the value of machinery affected, and the expected life of the property with and without sediment damage should be obtained from the owners concerned. These will provide the information necessary to express the damage as the difference in the amounts of sinking fund with and without damage. Interest rates used in calculating sinking funds should reflect the interest paid by the property holders affected. Losses due to reduction in quality of product can be estimated by obtaining from the manufacturer the increase in market price that could be realized for the product without the adverse effects of the sediment content of water. Any additional costs of processing, distributing, and marketing the higher quality product should be deducted from the increase in value of the product. Sample calculations of average annual damage are presented below.

## Improved quality of product:

Useful life with damage

Difference

Cost of replacing machinery

Salvage value of machinery

Sinking fund needed for replacement with damage

Sinking fund needed for replacement without damage

Gross value of product without sediment damage Gross value of product with sediment damage Difference	\$500,000 450,000 \$ <b>50</b> ,000
Additional cost of processing, distributing, and marketing the higher quality product Average annual damage (50,000 - 15,000)	\$ 15,000 35,000
Water Treatment Costs:	
Total average annual expenditures Expenditures because of other than sediment content of water Treatment costs attributable to sediment	\$ 3,000 2,500 \$ 500
Machinery repair costs:	
Expenditures for repairs due to sediment (ave. annual)	\$ 4,000
Reduction in useful life of machinery because of sediment:	
Useful life without damage	15 years

12 years

\$ 5,989.50 4,494.60

100,000.00

10,000.00

\$ 90,000.00

## Calculation of average annual damage:

Sinking fund with damage 90,000 (.06655 - .04) \$5,989.50 Sinking fund without damage 90,000 (.04994 - .04) 4,494.60 Difference \$1,494.90

Discount factors - 4% interest:

.06655 Sinking Fund, 12 years .04994 - Sinking Fund, 15 years

#### VI. EVALUATION OF SEDIMENT DAMAGE TO DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES

Sediment deposited in open drainage ditches impairs drainage and causes a gradual reduction in crop yields and income. Usually ditches are cleaned out periodically. Remedial measures for sediment control will lengthen the period between cleanouts. For practical purposes, damage with and without the program can be calculated by applying sinking fund factors to the cost of periodic cleanout as indicated below:

### Damage without program:

Periodic cleanout	20 years
Cost of each cleanout	\$20,000
Sinking fund factor (20 yrs @ 4%)	.03358
Average annual damage (20,000 x .03358)	\$ 672

#### Damage with program:

Periodic cleanout	40 years
Cost of each cleanout	\$20,000
Sinking fund factor (40 yrs @ 4%)	.01052
Average annual damage (20,000 x .01052)	\$ 210

Ditch cleanout costs often include expenditures other than for sediment removal. In such cases, appropriate adjustments should be made to eliminate costs other than those related to sediment removal.

#### VII. EVALUATION OF RESERVOIR SEDIMENTATION

#### A. Evaluation Methods.

Damages to reservoirs (and benefits from programs) may be estimated by four different methods, depending upon (1) the amount of information that is available or that can be obtained within the limitations of budget and other resources (2) the number of reservoirs to be evaluated and (3) the importance of the monetary benefits accruing from reduced rates of reservoir sedimentation in relation to the overall

economic justification of a flood-control program. These four methods are referred to as (1) straight-line (2) sinking fund (3) sinking fund plus service loss and (4) cost of sediment removal.

## 1. Straight-line.

The average annual damage is estimated as the product of the average annual rate of sedimentation in acre feet and the original cost of storage per acre foot adjusted to prices prevailing at the time of the survey. The average annual benefit is the difference between the average annual damages with and without the recommended program.

## Example:

a. Adjusted cost per acre foot of total storage	\$60.00
b. Volume of sediment deposited annually without	
the recommended program	335 acre feet
c. Volume of sediment deposited annually with the	
recommended program	168 acre feet
d. Average annual damage without program (335 x 60)	\$20,100
e. Average annual damage with program (168 x 60)	10,080
f. Average annual benefit (d - e)	\$10,020

## 2. Sinking fund.

The average annual damage is estimated as the annual payment into a sinking fund which, at a given rate of interest  $(2\frac{1}{2}\%)$  or 4%, as the case may be) will accumulate to an amount sufficient to replace the volume of storage displaced by sediment at the time when the useful life of a reservoir is terminated. The average annual benefit is the difference between the average annual damages with and without the recommended program.

## Example:

a. Useful life of reservoir without program b. Useful life of reservoir with program c. Replacement cost of capacity lost	50 years 100 years \$1,000,000
d. Average annual damage without the recommended program (1,000,000 x .00655021)	6,550
e. Average annual damage with the recommended program (1,000,000 x .00080802)  f. Average annual benefit (d - e)	808 \$ 5,742

<sup>1/</sup> Sinking fund factor for 50 years @ 4% interest 2/ Sinking fund factor for 100 years @ 4% interest

## 3. Sinking fund plus service loss.

The average annual damage is estimated as the annual payment into a sinking fund which, at a given rate of interest, will accumulate to an amount sufficient to replace the volume of storage displaced by sediment at the time when the useful life of a reservoir is terminated, plus the average annual equivalent value of the present worth of all service losses that occur prior to replacement of the reservoir. The average annual benefit is the difference between the average annual damages with and without the recommended program.

## Example:

a.	Useful life of reservoir without program	50 years
b.	Useful life of reservoir with program	100 years
С.	Replacement cost of capacity lost	\$1,000,000
d.	Annual payment into sinking fund for replacement	
	in 50 years	6,550
e.	Annual payment into sinking fund for replacement	
	in 100 years	808
f.	Annual increment of service loss without program	2,000
g.	Annual increment of service loss with program	1,000
h.	Present worth of service loss, over 50 years without	,
	program $(2,000 \times 382.64603^{1/2})$	765,292
i.	Present worth of service loss over 100 years with	
	program (1,000 x 587.629852/)	587,630
j.	Average annual equivalent value of service loss	
	without program (765,292 x .046553/)	35,624
k.	Average annual equivalent value of service loss	
	with program $(587,630 \times .04081^{4})$	23,981
l.	Average annual damage without program (d + j)	42,174
m.	Average annual damage with program (e + k)	24,789
n.	Average annual benefit (1 - m)	\$ 17,385

This example has been simplified for purposes of illustration. Thus, it has been assumed that service losses would begin immediately and would increase uniformly until an assumed date of replacement. In actual practice, however, it will be necessary to determine the time at which service losses will begin, how and at what rate such losses will occur, and when the lost reservoir capacity will be replaced. In some instances, it may be determined that replacement is not feasible and that the project must be abandoned when the reservoir no longer can supply the required services. Here, the additional values lost because of abandonment must be taken into account.

<sup>1/</sup> PV of increasing annuity by 1 per year for 50 years @ 4% 
2/ PV of an increasing annuity by 1 per year for 100 years @ 4% 
3/ Amortization factor, 50 years, 4% interest 
4/ Amortization factor, 100 years, 4% interest

## 4. Cost of sediment removal.

The average annual damage is estimated as the product of the number of cubic yards to be removed annually and the cost per cubic yard for removal. The average annual benefit is the difference between the average annual damages with and without the recommended program.

## Example:

a.	Volume of sediment to be removed annually	
	without program	540,355 cu. yds.
ъ.	Volume of sediment to be removed annually	
•	with program	270,984 cu. yds.
C.	Cost of removal per cubic yard	\$ .50
d.	Average annual damage without program	270,178
	Average annual damage with program	135,492
f.	Average annual benefit (d - e)	\$134,686

For any method of evaluation used, it is necessary that values be on a common time basis. All values should first be calculated on the basis of current prices for presentation in the report and then converted to the price levels recommended by the former Bureau of Agricultural Economics for computing the benefit-cost ratio.

#### B. Conditions Governing Use of Methods.

The time and cost limitations of work plan preparation surveys require that estimates of reservoir sedimentation damages and benefits be developed by the use of methods which fall within the scope of these limitations. With this in mind, the following criteria are herewith established as a guide to the choice of methods to be applied.

# 1. Straight-line.

- a. Where a large number of existing and authorized reservoirs must be evaluated and facilities are not available to make a detailed analysis of each reservoir. This will not preclude detailed analysis of individual reservoirs if their importance warrants such treatment.
- b. Where the available information clearly indicates that service losses will occur, but sufficient information to permit the application of the sinking fund plus service loss method cannot be obtained within the limitations of budget and other resources.

# 2. Sinking fund.

Where the obtainable information clearly indicates that the reservoir will be replaced prior to any significant loss of services.

# 3. Sinking fund plus service loss.

Where, in the judgment of the planning party, sufficient data exist or are obtainable within the limitations of budget and other resources to permit making reasonable estimates of the individual determinations required by this method.

## 4. Cost of sediment removal.

Where sufficient information has been obtained to indicate that reservoir storage will be maintained by the removal of sediment.

If, after applying the appropriate method, the results reflect such a small part of the values involved as to distort the presentation, it may be desirable to omit the monetary evaluation and present a detailed qualitative description of the benefits that will accrue as a result of reduced rates of sedimentation. In any event, all values omitted or not adequately taken into account in the monetary evaluation should be described in appropriate terms, and the inadequacies of the method used to determine the monetary values should be set forth.



#### CHAPTER 4

## EVALUATION OF RESTORATION OF FORMER PRODUCTIVITY AND CHANGED USE OF FLOOD PLAIN LAND

#### I. GENERAL

Many times areas of formerly improved flood plain land will be found that were once in cultivation or pasture, but are now abandoned or in low income producing uses because of adverse effects of flooding. Installation of flood damage prevention measures may reduce the flood hazard sufficiently to induce farmers to restore the flood plain to a use consistent with its former productivity. The difference in net income between that which is now being received and that which is expected to prevail under the restored condition, is a "restoration of former productivity" benefit (Class 1). This benefit should not be confused with that obtained from changing the use of flood plain land that has never been in cultivation, but which may be put into cultivation as a result of the project. For example, if land that has always been in woods, pasture or wild land, etc., is converted to cropland as a result of the project, the benefits resulting would be classed as "changed land use" benefits (Class 2).

Identification of the areas upon which these two classes of benefits may accrue is basic to the evaluation. The extent of the area subject to benefit will usually be governed by the following:

- A. Degree of protection afforded by measures.
- B. Degree of protection necessary to induce farmers to restore land to its former use or to change land use.
  - C. Factors other than flooding:
    - 1. Capability of the land.
    - 2. Width of flood plain.
    - 3. Type of farming.
- 4. Willingness, intentions and financial ability of farmers to make the necessary conversions in land use, etc.
- 5. In order to claim "restoration of productivity" as a benefit positive assurance should be had that (1) the land was formerly used for crop or pasture production, and (2) that flooding is the direct cause of the reduced productivity.

The above limitations are of primary concern in identifying the area. Where these limitations prevail it may not be practical to claim this

benefit in determining economic justification. Therefore, the extent and importance of the above factors should be investigated prior to further study in connection with these evaluations.

The benefit calculation for both restoration of productivity and changed land use should be based on the effect of the measures on reducing the frequency of flooding. Determination of the area subject to benefit will involve estimating the area flooded at each significant frequency interval, with and without the measures. These data can be obtained from cross-sections of the flood plain showing present land use by elevation; discharge-frequency curves, present, and as modified by the program, and stage-discharge curves. As indicated, present land use at various flood-frequency intervals can be obtained by relating dischargefrequency and stage-discharge curves to cross sections. The relationship of frequency of flooding to land use will be indicated by the use to which land is now put under various conditions of flooding. That is, if land flooded 1 year in 3 is used for pasture at present, it will likely be used for pasture in the future if flooded at the same frequency. This may be used as the basis for estimating expected future land use and damageable values with flood protection.

For both of these items, the monetary benefits should be measured as the difference in net returns with and without the program. These calculations should take into account flood damages with and without the program and cost of conditioning or developing the land for a change in land use. Calculation of flood damages with the project under both will involve a complete average annual damage evaluation using discharge as modified. Because of the changed land use, a new stage-damage curve should be prepared.

It should be noted that the increase in income is corrected for the flood damage done to the higher value production from the remaining floods and for associated development costs. See sample calculations below.

In those instances where there is a lag in attaining the maximum benefit possible, appropriate discounting procedures should be used. For example, some farmers may want to wait and see how effective the program is before changing land use.

The following sample calculations illustrate a method for determining each of the above described types of benefits.

## II. RESTORATION OF FORMER PRODUCTIVITY BENEFIT

	Pres	sent	Future Wi	th Program
Frequency of		Land		Land
Flooding 1/	Acres	Use	Acres	Use
(% time)	<del></del>			
33	70	Pasture	50	Pasture
20	80	COH2/	60	COH
10	90	CCCOH	60	CCCOH
5	100	CCCOH	60	CCCOH
2	115	CCCOH	60	CCCOH
1	120	CCCOH	120	CCCOH

		Presen	t	Fut	ture With	Program	
Frequency of		Land	Net 3/		Land	Net	2/
Flooding / (% time)	Acres	<u>Use</u>	Returns2/	Acres	Use	Returns-	<u>2/</u>
33	70	Pasture	\$280	50	Pasture	\$200	
33-20	10	COH	54	10	COH	54	
>20	$\frac{40}{120}$	CCCOH	656 \$990	60 120	CCCOH	984	
Total	120		<del>\$990</del>	120		\$1,238	
Increased net		. , -	8 - \$990			\$ 248	
Less added flo		<b>-</b>	( tpgc			25	
		,	•			30	
Restoration of	rormer	rroducti	vity benefit			\$ 193	

<sup>1/</sup> Crop season basis

COH: C=\$10, O=\$1, H=\$5; Average \$5.36

CCCOH: C=\$20, O=\$7, H=\$15; Average \$16.40

<sup>2/</sup> Crop distribution: C=corn, O=oats, H=hay

<sup>3/</sup> Net income per acre:

## III. CHANGED LAND USE BENEFIT

Frequency of Flooding (% time)	Pr Acres	esent Lar Us		Future W	lith Progra Lar U	
100 50 33 20 10 5 2	40 60	Unimpro Unimpro	oved2/ oved2/	10 30 30 30 30 30	Past COH CCC CCC CCC	OH OH
Frequency of Flooding (% time)	Acres	Present Land Use	Net Returns2/	Fut Acres	ture With I Land Use	Program Net Returns3/
50+ 5-33 33-20 >20 Total	60 Un	improved	\$18 \$10	10 20 30 60	Pasture COH CCCOH	\$ 40 107 492 \$639
Increased net Less added dan		39 - \$18				\$621 70

Changed land use benefit

COH: C=\$10, O=\$1, H=\$5; Average \$5.36

Less development cost (associated cost)

CCCOH: C=\$20, O=\$7, H=\$15; Average \$16.40

<sup>1/</sup> Crop season basis

<sup>2/</sup> Unimproved land. Woods, pasture, wild land, etc.

<sup>3/</sup> Net income per acre: Unimproved land \$ .30; Pasture \$4.00

#### CHAPTER 5

## APPLICATION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS IN PROJECT FORMULATION

#### I. GENERAL

The economic objective of project formulation has been expressed in numerous ways. The essential idea expressed in these statements is that project measures should be designed and combined in such a way that net benefits are greater than any alternative design and combination of measures. Through proper planning and evaluation procedures, this objective may be approached even though its precise attainment may not be realized.

It is important, therefore, to approach each phase of the planning process with this economic objective clearly in mind. This objective can be fully realized only by the analysis of a reasonable number of possible alternatives. Basic appraisal data should be developed in so far as possible, in such a way as to facilitate this type of analysis.

In formulating projects under Public Law 566, it should also be understood that the wishes and desires of the local people, with respect to the cost, scope or scale of a project, must be considered at all times and the aim should be to design the project to produce maximum net benefits within the framework of these wishes and desires.

Maximum net benefits are not the scale of development which give the maximum benefit-cost ratio, nor is it the scale of development where the ratio is one to one. It lies somewhere between these two points. It can be defined as the point where the benefits added by the last increment of extension of scope are equal to the cost of adding that increment of scope to the development. Expressed in another way, net benefits are at a maximum where the incremental benefit just equals the incremental costs.

In many cases, the cost of making a detailed and precise appraisal of the types suggested in this chapter cannot be justified in terms of the resulting savings. Rather than excluding the analysis, however, it is suggested that it be carried out on the basis of the best estimates which can be provided within the limitation of time and funds. Usually, judgments based on brief analysis can set reasonable limits, beyond which we should not go, in formulating a project within violating the principles of sound economics. The degree to which the required economic data are refined should be determined on the basis of prospective economies that would likely result. The application of this principle would permit greater refinement for expensive measures and projects than for the less expensive.

Two other important factors may modify the scope or scale of a project in such a way that full maximization of benefits would not be possible. These are (1) where policy considerations dictate a definite degree of flood protection, say for all floods of a 25-year frequency or less, and (2) where a high degree of protection is necessary because of the possibility of loss of life in the absence of a high level of protection.

<sup>1/</sup> See Chapter 2, "Proposed Practices for Economic Analysis of River Basin Projects," by the Subcommittee on Benefits and Costs, May 1950.

Section 2 of the Handbook states, "The Service will emphasize proper land use and treatment as the most fundamental requirement of a successful watershed project. A high degree of application of needed land-treatment measures will be required prior to furnishing financial assistance in installation of structures." Therefore, in considering structural measures for flood damage reduction, the expected reductions to be effected by the land-treatment measures to be installed, should be subtracted from the total flood damages before structural measures for flood damage reduction and other purposes are considered. Account should be taken, however, of any lag in effectiveness of these measures.

In project formulation, it will be the usual practice to plan those land-treatment measures that are required by the Act and Administrative Regulations, that will be expected to be installed within a 5 or 10-year period.

This chapter deals with some suggested procedures for handling the major types of situations to be encountered in planning watershed projects. The types of situations covered are: (1) establishing the scale of a single-purpose independent measure, (2) establishing the economic justification and scale of a multiple-purpose independent structure, (3) establishing the economic scale of a single-purpose structure with multiple benefits and (4) appraisal of alternative types of measures for a single purpose.

(1) Single-purpose independent measures. For the purpose of illustration, it is assumed that the problem is one of determining the economic scale of a floodwater-retarding reservoir. If the scale of the structure is properly determined, the saving from reducing its size would be less than the loss of benefits. Likewise, the cost of increasing its size would be greater than the resulting increase in benefits.

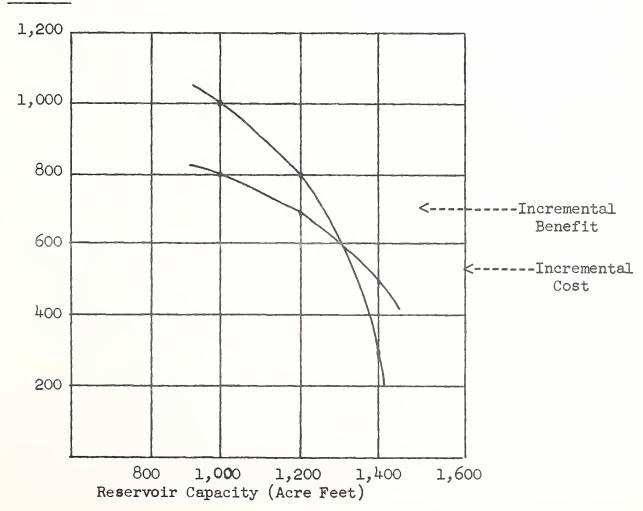
The first step in the analysis is to choose a specific design for the given flood control structure and appraise it in terms of costs and benefits. The second step is to add another increment of capacity to the original design and to appraise the benefits and costs of the modified structure. Assuming that the benefits from the additional increment of storage are greater than the additional cost, a second increment of control may be added and evaluated. This process can be continued until the last increment of control is no longer justified in terms of incremental costs and incremental benefits. When this point is reached, the incremental costs and incremental benefits are plotted graph paper. The point at which the resulting curves intersect will indicate the appropriate scale of the structure in question. The required data are illustrated in Table 1 and the relationships between costs and benefits are shown in Figure 1.

Table 1 - Total Annual Costs and Annual Benefits; and Incremental Cost and Incremental Benefit for Alternative Capacities for a Floodwater-Retarding Reservoir

	Annu	al Costs	Annual Benefits			
Storage	Total	Incremental	Total	Incremental		
Capacity	Costs	Costs	Benefits	Benefits		
(Acre ft.)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)		
800 1,000 1,200 1,400	4,000 4,800 5,500 6,000	800 700 500	6,000 7,000 7,800 8,100	1,000 800 300		

Figure 1 - Relationship of Incremental Cost to Incremental Benefit for Different Storage Capacities for Floodwater-Retarding Structure

## Dollars



In the data assumed in Table 1, the floodwater-retarding structure can be increased in size from 800 acre-feet to 1,000 acre-feet for an additional cost of \$800 annually. Likewise, the structure may be increased in size from 1,000 to 1,200 acre-feet for an additional annual cost of \$700. An additional 200 acre-feet of storage in the assumed data can be added for an annual cost of \$500. In the benefit data assumed, the first increase of 200 acre-feet capacity would provide an additional \$1,000 benefit and the second increase of 200 acre-feet would provide benefits amounting to \$800. By increasing the structure from 1,200 to 1,400 acre-feet, however, produces benefits amounting to only \$300. These data, plotted in Figure 1, indicate that the reservoir capacity should be 1,300 acre-feet of storage in order to maximize net benefits. Either decreasing or increasing the capacity of the structure at this point would reduce net benefits creditable to the structure.

(2) Establishing the economic justification and scale of a multiple-purpose independent structure. In the illustration just cited, the problem was one of expanding the capacity of a structure until the annual cost of the last unit added was exactly the same as the additional benefit. For a multiple-purpose storage structure, the procedures are similar, but slightly more complex.

The first step is to select an initial increment or nucleus of the project before the scale of development can be expanded by adding increments as illustrated in (1) above. In a multiple-purpose structure any one of the purposes may be selected as the first increment for analysis. Also, this first increment need not necessarily be economically justified, but, as illustrated below, must be justified for inclusion in the project when considered as the last increment.

Purpose of Capacity	Increment	Capacity		al Net st Benefit	Benefit- Cost Ratio
		(Ac/ft)	(\$) (\$	) (\$)	
Flood Prev. Irrigation TOTAL	First Second	2,000 1,000 3,000	140,400 191,2 156,600 63,7 297,000 255,00	50 + 92,850	Unfavorable Favorable Favorable
Irrigation Flood Prev. TOTAL	First Second	1,000 2,000 3,000	156,600 159,3° 140,400 95,6° 297,000 255,00	25 + 44,775	Unfavorable Favorable Favorable

Unless the above requirements are met it would not be possible to say that each separable purpose justified the added costs of its inclusion in the project. The next step in the analysis would be to add successive increments of storage capacity for one or both purposes as described under item (1) above. This process can be continued until the last increment is no longer justified in terms of incremental costs and incremental benefits or a total storage capacity of 5,000 acres is reached.

(3) Establishing the economic scale of a single-purpose structure with multiple benefits. In the economic analysis of structures designed primarily for detention or storage of water, cases will be found where the same reservoir capacity serves dual uses, such as flood prevention, use of water in the sediment pool for stock water, irrigation, recreation or other purposes, and under certain hydrologic conditions, the temporary use of flood detention capacity for irrigation may be possible.

Where there is no increase in storage costs of providing any of the uses included, the benefits from all uses may be lumped and equated against all costs in the economic analysis. The scale of development, however, may be determined by using the same procedures as described in (1) above.

(4) Appraisal of alternative types of measures for meeting a single purpose. In formulating a project, alternative means of accomplishing a specific purpose are frequently available for consideration. In the economic analysis it will often become necessary to give consideration to one or more alternatives. For example, for flood prevention, the following measures might be physically feasible for a given area: channel improvement, floodwater-retarding structures, diking and floodway diversions. Each measure standing alone would first be analyzed so as to maximize its benefits as outlined in (1) above. Then in the analysis the following possibilities, among others, would be considered:

		Benefit	Cost	Net Benefit	Benefit- Cost-Ratio
1.	Floodwater-retarding structure alone	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	2.25 to 1
	Channel improvement alone	15,000	•	5,000	1.50 to 1
4.	Floodway diversions alone Diking alone	2,500 10,000	7.7	6,000	.50 to 1 2.50 to 1
٥٠	Retarding structures plus channel improvement:				
6	Retarding structures Channel improvement Sub-Total	45,000 11,000 56,000	20,000 10,000 30,000	25,000 1,000 26,000	1.87 to 1
0.	Retarding structures plus diking:				
	Retarding structures Diking Sub-Total	45,000 2,500 47,500	20,000 2,000 22,000	25,000 500 25,500	2.16 to 1

Analysis: All of the alternatives, when considered alone, show a favorable benefit-cost ratio except floodway diversions. Diking shows

the most favorable ratio; however, the maximum net benefit is not attained by this alternative. Retarding structures, plus channel improvement (alternative 5) show the greatest excess of benefits over costs and the overall benefit-cost ratio is favorable. Therefore, it would be the first choice for inclusion in the project. The second choice would be alternative 6, the third choice alternative 1, the fourth choice alternative 4, etc. Alternative number 4, however, is definitely uneconomic and therefore can be discarded as a choice for inclusion in the project.

## II. ESTABLISHING COMBINATION OF SEPARABLE STRUCTURAL MEASURES TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM NET BENEFITS

In formulating projects consisting of several separable measures, economic analysis should include consideration of possible functional dependency between measures. For example, installation of two distinctly separable measures may add to the effectiveness of one or both of the measures. This relationship is shown and analyzed in the following example of streambank stabilization and a floodwater-retarding structure. For example, Table 1 shows the average annual flood and sediment benefits, by sources, that could accrue to land-treatment measures and to five different separable structural measures. Evaluation of structural measures in each case was made only after considering the effectiveness of landtreatment measures. It may be noted in Table 1, that all of the benefits provided by the floodwater-retarding structure, when considered as the only structural measure, occur through stabilizing those sources and reducing flood flows that could not be effected by either of the two types of streambank protection measures. Table 1 also indicates that "Sb-1", if applied alone, would provide complete stabilization of banks where it is installed, while "Sb-2" would provide only 50 percent control if applied by itself. By combining the floodwater-retarding structure and "Sb-2", the effectiveness of stabilizing eroding streambanks is increased from 50 to 80 percent without increasing the cost of either feature. If "Sb-1" was substituted for "Sb-2" in this combination, the benefit would be increased by \$360, but the cost of the combination would be increased by \$900. These benefit-cost evaluations of structural measures are shown in Table 2. While the combination of the structure and "Sb-1" maximizes the annual benefit and provides a favorable benefit-cost ratio, it does not maximize net benefits. Therefore, the combination of structural measures which includes "Sb-2" is selected as the most economical plan.

Table 1 - Flood and Sediment Benefits Afforded by Several Evaluated Structural Measures

		Reduction in Average Annual Damages						
	Average	Land	Struc7	Sb-l	Sb-2	Struc-	Struc-	
	annual	treat-	ture_/	alone	alone	ture +	ture +	
	damage	ment	alone	2/	' 3/	Sb-2	Sb-1	
		meas.						
Flood damage Reduction of sedi ment by sources:	1,310	400	750			750	750	
Sheet erosion Streambanks	2,220	1,770	140			140	140	
above struc.4/	200		200			200	200	
Streambanks be- low structure	1,780			1,780	890	1,420	1,780	
Other sources	280		90			90	1 90	
Total	5,790	2,170	1,180	1,780	890	2,600	2,960	

<sup>1/</sup> Floodwater-retarding structure

Table 2 - Comparison of Benefits and Costs of Several Structural Measures Considered in Program Formulation

Structural measures Evaluated	Annual Cost	Annual bene <b>fit</b>	Net benefit	Benefit- cost ratio
Floodwater-retarding structure alone Streambank stabilization: Sb-1 alone Sb-2 alone Structure plus Sb-2 Structure plus Sb-1	1,020 1,910 1,010 2,030 2,930	1,180 1,780 890 2,600 2,960	160 -130 -120 570 30	1.16 to 1 .93 to 1 .88 to 1 1.28 to 1 1.01 to 1

Streambank stabilization, Type 1

Streambank stabilization, Type 2

This benefit is considered to result from prevention of sediment

stream banks above the floodwater-retarding structure, all through reducing flood flows in the coming from stream banks above the floodwater-retarding structure, alstream channel below the structure.

III. PLANNING FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT SINGLE-PURPOSE STRUCTURES TO MAXIMIZE THEIR NET BENEFITS

A simplified demonstration of the application of the principle of maximization of net benefits in program formulation where functionally dependent single-purpose structures are under consideration is presented below:

Floodwater-			Net	Benefit-Cost		
Retarding Structure	Benefit	Cost	Benefit	Comparison		
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)			
		_				
	CASE	I				
A operating separately B operating separately A & B operating as a unit	2,000 2,500 5,300	1,700 2,900 4,600	+300 -400 +700	Favorable Unfavorable Favorable		
	CASE	<u>II</u>				
A operating separately B operating separately A & B operating as a unit	2,500 3,000 6,700	3,000 3,400 6,400	-500 -400 +300	Unfavorable Unfavorable Favorable		
CASE III						
A operating separately B operating separately A & B operating as a unit	3,200 3,500 7,300	1,500 3,300 4,800	+1,700 +200 +2,500	Favorable Favorable Favorable		

In Case I, one of the structures is not justified when operating separately but when the two structures operate as a unit their effectiveness is increased to the extent that the net benefit is greater than that of either structure operating separately.

In Case II, neither structure is justified operating separately, but operating in combination as a unit the net benefit is greater than that of either operating separately.

In Case III, each structure operating separately is justified, but net benefits of the two structures operating as a unit are greater than that of either operating separately.

Application of the principle of maximization of net benefits in program formulation would indicate that in each case both structures would be recommended.

## EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL MEASURES FOR FLOOD PREVENTION

#### I. LAND-STABILIZATION MEASURES

Land-stabilization measures are defined in Section 5 of the Handbook as being "installed primarily for the purpose of preventing land destruction and the production of damaging sediment which affects groups of landowners, communities and the general public". Such measures may be considered for stabilization of gullies, streambanks, roadsides, critical runoff and sediment-producing areas, for development of interfarm waterways and fire protection. They should be subjected to careful analysis in project formulation and evaluation, for in many cases there are alternate sets of measures that could be used. The choice may depend upon which will do the job at the lowest cost. For example, suppose that there is a critical sediment-source area above a proposed floodwater-retarding structure and a drop structure is proposed for the sole purpose of trapping sediment. The problem should be analyzed to determine whether it is cheaper to build the drop structure or to make provision for storage of the sediment in a floodwater-retarding structure. This statement of the evaluation of benefits and costs of land-stabilization measures is couched in general terms as these measures may be designed to solve many flood-prevention problems. Individual cases should be analyzed within the framework of physical facts and feasibility and sound economic principles.

#### A. Off-Site Benefits.

In general, off-site benefits may be considered as accruing to someone who has no control over the source of damage. The presence of off-site benefits is the primary reason for Federal participation in cost of installation. In the example of the critical sediment-producing area, off-site benefits may result from control of the sediment output in the form of a decrease in rate of channel filling and the resulting flooding in the stream below, or a reduction in damage to flood plain land from deposition of overwash. A similar situation arises when a streambank is stabilized. Here the protective works are installed adjacent to the area receiving benefit, but the water which causes bank cutting came from upstream. Therefore, reduction of damage to land, as well as downstream sediment damage, would be classed as off-site benefits. Likewise, reduction of land damage by stabilization structures installed to reduce off-site sediment and floodwater damage would be classified as an off-site benefit. Off-site benefits may be measured in the following terms:

l. They may be measured in the form of reduced cost or lengthened life of proposed or existing improvements. In this case, off-site benefits of our proposed structures can be used only in program formulation; i.e., to determine whether to include stabilization measures as a part of a

group of interdependent structures. For example, if our proposed retarding structure is economically justified and stabilization of the gully is cheaper than providing sediment storage in the proposed structure, the stabilization measure would be justified and included as a part of the project.

- 2. They may be measured in terms of reduced cost of operation and maintenance of facilities such as drainage ditches, reservoirs and other. For example, a heavy sediment load in a stream may cause such extensive channel filling that it is necessary to clean out at frequent intervals. In such a case, benefits could arise from reduction in the cost of cleaning out the channel.
- 3. These benefits may also be measured in terms of reduction in other forms of floodwater and sediment damage, such as:
- a. Reduction in erosion and sediment damage to agricultural land.
  - (1) Overwash, swamping, streambank and gully erosion.
- b. Reduction of gully and streambank erosion to land improvements.
- c. Reduction of sediment damage to harbors, transportation facilities, reservoirs, municipal and industrial water supplies, drainage facilities and other downstream structures.
  - d. Reduction of roadside erosion damage.
- e. Reduction of inundation damage to residential, industrial, crops, agricultural improvements, etc.

Where reduction in land damage on the flood plain is used as a benefit of stabilization measures, appropriate adjustments in estimates of other types of damage should be made. For example, when flood plain land is destroyed through streambank erosion, the crop and pasture damage during the life of the project must be reduced to take into account the progressively smaller area that will remain to sustain damage. In some instances, accrual of the full annual off-site benefit may be deferred. In such cases, appropriate discounting procedure should be used in calculating the average annual benefit.

#### B. On-Site Benefits.

Many stabilization measures produce both off-site and on-site benefits. For example, vegetative plantings for stabilization of critical runoff and sediment-producing areas will reduce downstream sediment and floodwater damage and simultaneously yield on-site benefits in the form of

increased net returns from cropping, grazing, timber production, etc. Also, structural measures for the stabilization of gullies such as drop inlets and detention-type terraces may reduce off-site sediment damage and simultaneously preserve the full value of production on land that would otherwise be encroached upon by gullies. In some instances, the installation of land-treatment measures cannot be safely or practically established without installing measures for stabilization of gullies and watercourses. Increased net returns over the amount that could be obtained without structural stabilization measures occurring on the drainage area of the structures are creditable to structural measures. These increased returns (on-site) are usually in the form of reduced crop income losses because of sheet erosion and increased net crop returns (over present returns) accruing on drainage areas above structures. In calculating the benefits of these stabilization measures, the cost of land-treatment measures (whose installation is made possible because of the stabilization measures) should be handled as associated costs (rather than project costs) in the benefitcost analysis, in the same manner as indicated for calculating drainage and irrigation benefits - see Chapters 7 and 8; i.e., deducted from increased crop production values.

For certain types of stabilization measures downstream and other off-site benefits may accrue immediately after installation, but there may be considerable elapse of time before the maximum annual on-site benefit is realized. When this is the case, appropriate discounting procedures should be used in calculating the average annual benefit. Any lag in accrual of off-site benefits should also be properly discounted.

## C. Project Costs.

Project costs of land-stabilization measures include installation and operation and maintenance. These costs should be measured on the same basis and in a manner comparable to the benefits.

#### 1. Installation costs.

Installation costs should be converted to an average annual equivalent through amortization in order to be comparable with average annual benefit values. The period of amortization should be 50 years or the economic life of the measures, whichever is less.

Site costs should be a part of the installation costs. These costs may be unimportant in the case of streambank stabilization or gully stabilization, but may be a considerable factor in the vegetation of some critical areas. At times sites or easements may be purchased by local interests, in which case the funds expended are a measure of the cost. In other cases, the present worth of the income lost in the area involved may serve as the basis for estimating value of the site. The installation cost should always include the monetary cost or value of the site, or loss of income, whichever is greater when appraised on an equivalent basis.

## 2. Operation and maintenance costs.

The cost of maintaining works of improvement in such a condition that they will deliver the full benefit for which they were designed is another cost component. Maintenance costs may vary from year to year; however, in economic appraisal the best estimate that can be made of average costs over the period of analysis should be used.

Another item of annual cost is operation of the works of improvement. When automatically operating measures, such as drop structures, are concerned operating costs are generally nil. The annually recurring costs of some vegetative practices, such as fertilizer, when a grass seed or hay crop is harvested on a critical silt-source area that has been seeded, can be deducted from income as an associated cost. A few measures may have considerable operating costs. Fire control, where the salary and expenses of employing a forester are operating costs, is a good example.

# 3. Examples of the economic analysis of land-stabilization measures:

## Example A -

- a. There is a critical sediment-source area, 50 acres in extent, located above a site for a floodwater-retarding structure.
- b. The area is now in poor cropland giving an annual net return of \$10 per acre, and is being destroyed by gully erosion at the rate of 2 acres per year.
- c. There is a 20-acre flood plain, presently producing an annual net income of \$20 per acre, located between the floodwater-retarding structure site and the sediment source area. This flood plain is being damaged by overwash deposition with an annual decline in net income of \$1.00 per acre.
- d. Control of the sediment-producing area will permit a reduction in the sediment pool of the floodwater-retarding structure of 250 acre-feet at a savings of \$18,750.

- e. Installation of proper vegetative control measures plus a drop structure will cost \$20,000 and annual maintenance will be \$250.
- f. Five years after the control measures are installed, the harvest of pasture from controlled grazing on the sediment-source area will give a net annual income, after deducting all associated costs, of \$1.00 per acre.

## g. Cost analysis:

- (1) The annual equivalent cost of installing the measures, amortized at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent will be \$705. Maintenance costs will add \$250 annually.
- (2) There will also be the income that the sediment-source area would have produced, but which must be foregone because of the project. This is figured as an annuity at 4 percent, beginning at \$500 and decreasing at the rate of \$20 per year for 25 years until it becomes zero. This value, \$4,689, represents an annual equivalent of \$188.

Installation cost	\$	705
Maintenance		250
Income foregone		188
Total annual equivalent cost	\$1	,143

## h. Benefit analysis:

- (1) The annual equivalent of the benefit from reduction in size of the sediment pool, at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent, will be \$661.
- (2) After 19 years of damage at the present rate, the 20-acre flood plain area will no longer be profitable for cultivation. It will be converted to pasture with a sustained net annual production of \$1.00 per acre. If there was no damage, the capitalized value of production in the area would be \$20 x 25 x 20 acres \$10,000. With damage, the eventual return, capitalized, would be \$1 x 25 x 20 acres \$500. To this should be added the value of the decreasing annuity while production is declining at the rate of \$20 per year, or \$2,933. The total value with damage, \$2,933, plus \$500 is subtracted from \$10,000 and the remainder is converted to an annual equivalent at 4 percent. This sum, \$263, represents the annual benefit from this source.
- (3) An on-site benefit of \$50 per year will accrue from the sediment-source area, beginning in 5 years. The annual equivalent of this benefit will be \$41.

Reduction	in	sediment	pool	\$661
Reduction	in	overbank	deposition	263
On-site				41
Total annu	ıal	benefit		\$965

In the case assumed here, the measures would not be justified. In the above example, the "reduction in sediment pool" benefit would be used only in program formulation; i.e., to determine whether it is more economic to provide sediment space in floodwater-retarding structures or to stop its entry by stabilization structural measures. The analysis concerns a group of structures expected to function as a unit. Therefore, in the above case, had the reduction in sediment pool benefit been sufficient to include the stabilization measure in the project, the benefit from "reduction in sediment pool" would not be included as a benefit to the group of measures proposed. Actually, this value would be reflected in reduced cost of retarding structures and enter into the benefit-cost equation in this manner.

## Example B -

In this example, the land-stabilization measures are gully or waterway stabilization structures for the purpose of reducing off-site floodwater, sediment and erosion damage. (Gully erosion damage by head cutting is considered an off-site benefit.) Installation stabilization structures will make possible further watershed protection and improvement by installing land-treatment measures on the drainage area above the structures. The on-site benefits made possible by stabilizing gullies or water-courses consist of both increased productivity and prevention of decline in productivity (decline through sheet erosion). Each of these result in a greater return on the drainage area of the structures than would be received if stabilization structures were not to be built. The increased net return is credited to stabilization structures. Calculation of this benefit takes into account cost of installing, operating and maintaining land-treatment measures. These costs are handled as associated costs and deducted from the expected increase in value of crop production in calculating the benefit.

Area subject to benefit (area above structure) Present gross value of production minus production costs		0 acres
Future gross value of production minus production costs	\$3	,680
Associated costs (cost of land-treatment measures)		
Construction \$6,400 x .04655 (amortization factor)	\$	298
Technical assistance 400 x .035258 (amortization factor)		14
Operation and maintenance		640
Average annual equivalent	\$	952
Benefit calculation (increase over present income)		

\$3,680 - 2,400 - 952 - \$328

(Where the lag in time of accrual of benefits is significant, discounting should be employed.)

This increased productivity benefit (\$328) is creditable to structural land-stabilization measures and may be used to justify their installation. In addition, the stabilization measures in this example have the following benefits: prevention of sheet and gully erosion damage and reduced sediment damage.

Methods for calculating sheet and gully erosion damage are shown in preceding chapters. However, the following calculations are applicable to the 160-acre drainage area above the structure subject to benefit:

## Gully erosion

Area above structure subject to benefit Income on land subject to gully erosion (present) Annual rate of conversion to lower income use Maximum period over which damage can occur 160 Income from gullied land Income loss due to gullying (\$2,400 - \$640) Average annual damage	160 acres \$2,400 4 acres 40 years \$640 \$1,760
\$1,760/40 x 306.32307 <sup>1</sup> / \$1,760/.04 x .20829 \$22,643 x .04	\$13,748 <u>9,165</u> \$22,643 \$ 906
Sheet erosion	
Average annual damage with gullying \$2/ac x 160 Adjustment due to conversion to protective cover because of gully erosion and field dissection	\$320
\$320/40 x 505.18065 <sup>2</sup> /	\$161
Benefit-Cost comparison	
Off-site benefits	
Sediment damage reduction Gully erosion	\$160 960
On-site benefits	
Increased productivity Reduced sheet erosion damage Total Average Annual Benefit	328 161 \$1,555

<sup>1/</sup> Increasing annuity factor, 40 years, 4% interest 2/ Decreasing annuity factor, 40 years, 4% interest

Cost of stabilization measures (project costs)

Installation cost \$4,000 x .046550<sup>3</sup>/
\$16,000 x .035258<sup>4</sup>/

Operations and maintenance
Total Average Annual Cost

700
\$1,450

Benefit-Cost Ratio 1.07 - 1

#### II. WATERFLOW CONTROL MEASURES

Much of the discussion in Part I of this Chapter in land-stabilization is pertinent to the evaluation of waterflow-control measures.

#### A. Off-Site Benefits

The principal justification for waterflow-control measures will usually come from off-site benefits, either in the form of reduction of damage or in increased income. Details of the methods for calculating damage reduction can be found in Chapters 2 and 3. Chapter 4 deals with measurement of increased value of production.

Several distinct types of measures for waterflow control may be incorporated in a single work plan. For example, it may be found that floodwater-retarding structures form the nucleus of the control. There may be a small drainage area or two that cannot be economically controlled by such a structure, but the runoff may be diverted into a nearby floodwater-retarding structure by means of a diversion dike. In the lower reaches of the main stem perhaps the channel is silted and flooding is so frequent that control cannot be achieved by means of floodwater-retarding structures alone and it is necessary to include channel improvement or floodways in the plan. When such a combination of measures is needed, the approach described in Chapter 5 should be used in the evaluation. This will involve determination of the damages left after the land-treatment measures have been installed, and the successive reduction in damage as a result of installing floodwater-retarding structures, the diversion, and the floodway. A determination should also be made of the benefits from changed land use in the flood plain. (See Chapter 4)

Benefits from reduction in damage as a result of the installation of waterflow-control measures generally begin to accrue as soon as the measures are installed and need no discounting for time lag. The chief exceptions to this rule will be when damaged areas are restored to

Amortization factor, 4% interest, 50 years (non-Federal cost)

Amortization factor, 2½% interest, 50 years (Federal cost)

their former productivity. Such restoration usually will take time and the need for proper discounting should be considered.

An attempt to provide complete flood protection will ordinarily be uneconomic. If the program is installed and the flood plain is used more intensively as a result of the protection afforded, it can be expected that remaining floods will cause more damage than they would under existing land uses. The increased income from intensification should be adjusted to account for this condition.

To illustrate a possible procedure for estimating the necessary correction, the following example is given:

Original gross value of crops, per acre of flood plain, annually \$27.48
Gross value of crops in intensified area after intensification per acre, annually 32.82
Total flood plain, acres \$16,300.00

After installing the program, the seven largest floods in 20 years, and the damages caused (original land use and value of production) would be:

Acres Flooded	Crop and Pasture Damage
12,200	156,000
12,000	132,000
8,000	80,000
6,000	30,500
5,600	28,000
5,150	25,500
5,150	47,000
54,100	499,000

The acreage above the elevation that floods 5,150 acres would be flooded less often than once in three years. Thus the area subject to intensification would be 16,300 - 5,150 or 11,150 acres.

The next step is to determine the amount of flood damage to the original crop value on this 11,150 acres after installation of the program;  $7 \times 5,150 = 36,050$  acres. Then 54,100 - 36,050 = 18,050 acres of the intensified area flooded one or more times in 20 years. 18,050 divided by 54,100 = 0.3336. This area is 33.36 percent of the total area flooded by these storms and the damage should not be greater than 33.36 percent of the total damage from these floods. \$449,000 (total damage) x .3336 = \$166,466 (damage on the intensified area). The average annual damage would be \$166,466 : 20 or \$8,323.

The original crop value on this area was \$11,150 x \$27.48 or \$306,402; \$8,323 + \$306,402 or 2.72 percent of the gross crop value was damaged by these floods.

The value after intensification is  $$32.82 \times $11,150 \text{ or } $365,943$ . The gain in value from intensification is \$365,943 - \$306,402 or \$59,541. Assuming that the added value will be damaged at the same rate as the original value, we would have  $$59,541 \times .0272 \text{ or } $1,620$ . This is the amount to deduct from the increased income from more intensive use of flood plain land to account for increased damage.

Benefits from changed use of the flood plain also may need to be discounted. It will take time for clearing and land use conversions and these changes are not likely to be begun until after the control structures are in place and flooding is reduced.

Sometimes the evaluation may include an item for reduction of damage to future development in the flood plain in the absence of a project. This is a legitimate benefit provided that the future development has been appraised properly. In the case of agricultural production it would seem that good prices during the period since 1941 could have been expected to have stimulated agricultural development to such a great extent that further development could reasonably be expected only in exceptional cases. In many instances small rural towns have declined in importance and size during the last two or three decades, so future development of such communities seems improbable. The chief likelihood of future development seems to be where there is a growing city located within the flood plain. Whenever such an assumption as future development is used, there should always be an extremely careful study of trends and other economic factors to substantiate the assumption. Benefits from this source should be discounted to present worth whenever they are used. Great care must be taken to prevent duplication of benefits claimed from this source with benefits from damaged land use in flood plain lands.

Watershed protection works will have some effect on the flood plain downstream from the small watershed. Whenever flood routing is done below a creek watershed on which a work plan is being developed, consideration should be given to an analysis that will give the creek watershed its proportionate share of the benefits that can be expected from reduction of downstream flooding. On the other hand, when channel improvement, floodways or other measures to speed up the flow of water are the principal measures for waterflow control, consideration should be given to the added flood damage downstream that may result from the more rapid concentration of water.

An important technical problem that arises in the evaluation of the benefits from floodwater-retarding structures is the collaboration between the hydrologist and the economist in determining the

acreages involved. The flood routing to determine damages under existing conditions and after land-treatment measures have been installed, may be done before floodwater-retarding structure sites have been determined. When these sites have been located, it may be that part of the flood plain on which previous routing has been made will be included within the reservoir area. It can be seen that unless adjustments are made in the appraisals under existing conditions and after land treatment, subtraction of the damage after structures from the damage after land treatment would include the damage within the reservoir area as a benefit to the structure. Adjustments in the areas in which damages are estimated and benefits are claimed also will be needed when floodways are installed and their benefits evaluated.

#### B. On-Site Benefits.

Such waterflow-control measures as detention-type terraces and water-spreading devices may give important on-site benefits. These benefits may be measured through an approach similar to that used in appraising on-site effects of land-treatment measures.

On-site penefits may be available within the site of a floodwater-retarding structure. Such on-site benefits might accrue from fish culture, recreation and use of the sediment pool for stockwater, irrigation or domestic water supply. These benefits are not usually evaluated in monetary terms. Evaluation of the benefits from other uses should take into account the fact that the sediment pool is designed to store sediment and its ability to furnish incidental benefits will decline steadily through the project life. Any benefits claimed should be discounted on this account. Evaluation of benefits when used for irrigation should give recognition to the fact that the sediment pool cannot be expected to furnish a dependable water supply for irrigation. Any evaluation of on-site benefits from floodwater-retarding structures should take cognizance of State laws regarding water use. For example, in some states prior appropriation has been made for certain downstream uses. Provision has to be made here for drainage of the sediment pool on demand, and no firm on-site benefits can be claimed for its use.

#### C. Costs.

## 1. Project costs.

Included in the project costs are all costs of construction, including design, engineering, inspection and allowance for contingency. The value of lands, easements, rights-of-way, and the cost of relocating facilities moved because of construction of the water-flow-control measures are to be included. The value of the lands or easements should be compared with the equivalent value of production lost in the project area and the greater of the two included as a project cost.

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In calculating the loss of net income in areas to be covered by the pools of floodwater-retarding structures the existing land use and yields in the areas are determined. It can be assumed that productive crop and pasture use would be lost from the entire acreage in the sediment reserve pool. Taxes and overhead are calculated separately for cropland and pasture and the savings from this source are deducted from the loss in income. This loss of income is further reduced by the annual amortization and interest charge on the sum allowed for site acquisition. Correction can also be made for the flood damage sustained under existing conditions that will be eliminated in the pool area.

An example of a method of calculation of loss in production in reservoir pools follows:

Table 1 - Area Involved in Floodwater-Retarding Structure Sites (23 structures), Existing Conditions

Item	Crop	Pasture	Total
Acres flood plain in sediment reserve pool Acres flood plain in flood pool	69	230	299
	92	345	437
Acres above flood plain in sediment reserve pool Acres above flood plain in flood pool	184	713	897
	299	989	1,288
Total Area	644	2,277	2,921

Table 2 - Area Involved in Floodwater-Retarding Structure Sites (23 structures), After Construction

Item	Water	Crop	Pasture	Total
Acres flood plain in sediment re-				
serve pool	299	0	0	299
Acres flood plain in flood pool Acres above flood plain in sedi-	0	0	437	437
ment reserve pool	897	0	0	897
Acres above flood plain in flood pool	0	0	1,288	1,288
Total Area	1,196	0	1,725	2,921

The next step is to calculate the net income from agricultural production, "before" and "after".

Table 3 - Net Value of Agricultural Production in Area Involved in Floodwater-Retarding Structure Sites (23 structures)

Existing Conditions

Land Use	Acres	Yield	Price	Gross Value	Cost of Production
Land Use	ACTES	TTETU	FIICE	Value	Production
Bottom Land					
Corn Wheat Cotton Alfalfa Peanuts Meadow Gr. Sorghum Sorghum Pasture	18.5 20.4 33.7 52.3 9.2 7.1 18.7 1.1 575.0	32 21 240 3 750 1.5 14 2	\$ 1.25 1.91 0.328 21.88 0.102 17.49 2.04 15.00 2.70	3,433	\$ 398 319 1,591 1,849 254 107 260 15 288
Upland					
Corn Wheat Cotton Alfalfa Meadow Gr. Sorghum Oats Pasture Total	28.0 227.5 62.8 33.8 19.8 38.6 72.5 1,702.0 2,921.0	18 12 184 1.5 1.2 8 22 0.9	1.25 1.91 0.328 21.68 17.49 2.04 0.76 2.70	630 5,214 3,790 1,099 416 630 1,212 4,136 \$30,109	410 2,821 2,346 704 250 425 834 851 \$13,722
Net Income				\$16,387	

Table 4 - Net Value of Agricultural Production in Area Involved in Floodwater-Retarding Structure Sites (23 structures) After Construction

Land Use	Acres	Yield	Price	Gross Value	Cost of Production
Bottom Land					
Pasture	437	2.5	\$ 2.70	\$2,950	\$ 218
Upland					
Pasture Total	1,288 1,725	0.9	2.70	3,130 \$6,080	644 \$862
Net Income				\$5,218	

The reduction in net income from the pool areas is thus found to be \$11,169 annually under present price levels or about \$8,900 under long-term prices. The acreage in crops will be reduced by 644 and that in pasture by 552 acres. In this area the overhead and tax charges assigned to cropland were \$2.50 per acre and \$0.50 to pasture. Thus the change in land use would result in a reduced charge for overhead and taxes of about \$1,900. The annual interest and amortization charge on the cost allowed for site acquisition would be \$5,500. The existing flood damage to production in the area averages \$1,000 annually. These calculations can be summarized as follows:

Net loss in income, including taxes and overhead	\$8	,900
Deduction for taxes and overhead	1	,900
Deduction for existing flood damage	1	,000
Deduction for annual interest and amortization charge	_5	,500
Net loss in income (negative project benefit) to be		
added to "other economic costs" of project	\$	500

It is not expected that waterflow-control measures will normally be so located that they will displace production from industrial, mining or urban areas. If they are so located, adequate accounting should be made of the production lost. Similar accounting should be made if the measure is a floodway, levee or other waterflow-control measure.

The principle of maximizing net benefits is discussed in Chapter 5. Increments should be added to the project as long as each increment provides an increment of benefit greater than its cost. It is necessary to make sure during project formulation that uneconomic increments are not added to the project. One step in the testing process is to analyze benefits and costs and obtain a benefit-cost ratio for each major phase of the project. Thus separate evaluations should be made for floodwater-retarding structures, floodways, channel improvement, etc. Separate evaluations should be made when the benefits from measures or groups of measures are geographically separable. An example of this condition would be when there are two distinct areas of channel improvement included in a watershed plan. Such a condition also will occur when floodwater-retarding structures are planned on several laterals included in the same plan.

There are sometimes cases where two phases of a project may be interdependent. Perhaps neither floodwater-retarding structures nor floodways will be economically justified alone but in combination both will be economically feasible. This may happen when the control afforded by the structures is sufficient to greatly reduce the cost of the floodways. The two measures should be evaluated jointly in this case, the several combinations of structures and floodways should be tested in order to obtain the most efficient combination.

## 2. Operation and maintenance costs.

Operation costs of measures for waterflow control are likely to be rather small as the structures usually operate automatically.

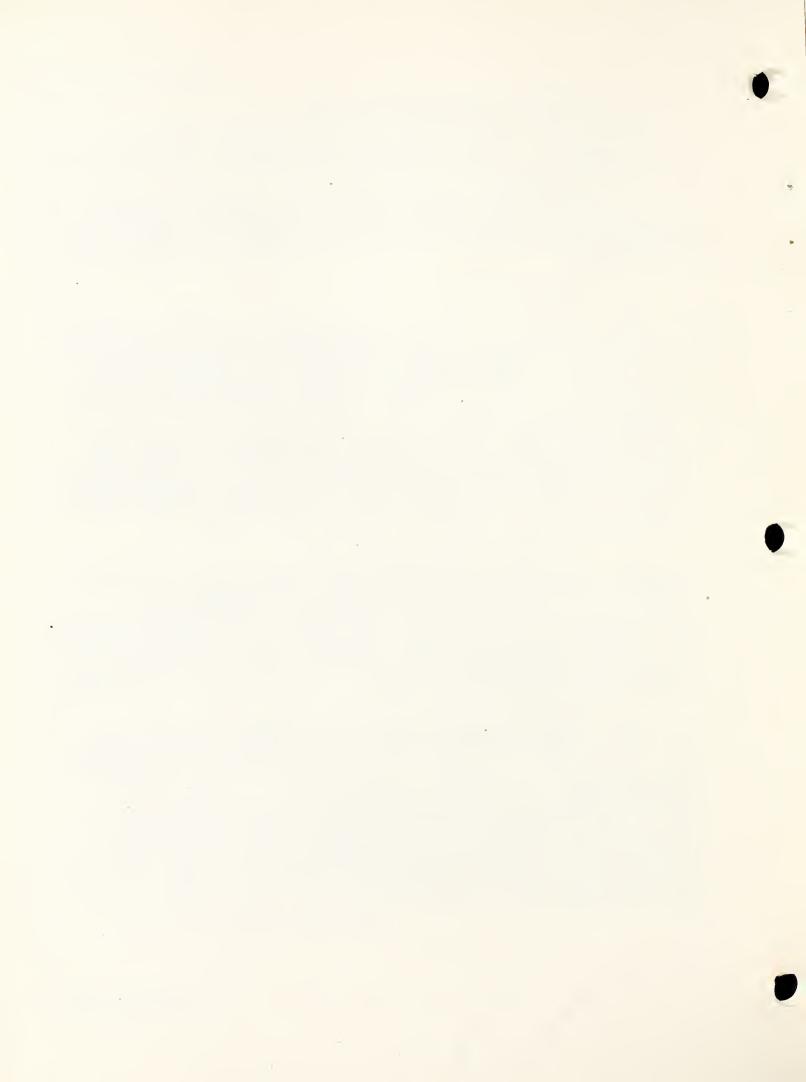
Maintenance costs should be set at a figure high enough to insure full efficiency through the life of the project. Failure to provide sufficient funds for maintenance may result in a failure that would cause damage several times as great as would occur in the absence of the project.

## 3. Associated costs.

Associated costs are involved chiefly in calculating benefits from changed land use. Additional costs connected with changed use of the land, such as conversion from pasture to cropland, clearing and grubbing woods, farm drainage and the like are amortized and deducted from the increased income. Remaining flood damage to the more valuable production is treated in the same fashion. It is quite possible that the intensified area, having become more productive, will be taxed more heavily. Additional barns, granaries and equipment may be needed to handle the additional production. The associated costs therefore may include an item for taxes and overhead. The usual costs of the farm operations involved in crop production form another item of associated costs for deduction from the gross income.

The treatment of the costs of crop production is a little different in the analysis of damage. When a crop is destroyed by flood, the full cost of the operations yet to be performed is subtracted from the damage as expense not incurred. If the crop is flooded early and replanting is necessary, the full cost of the added operations is included in the damage estimate. The term "full cost" includes the value of unpaid family labor and interest and depreciation on machinery as well as out-of-pocket cash costs.

Although associated costs do not appear in the benefitcost ratio, it can be seen that their careful appraisal is most important. Because they are deducted from the gross benefit, they determine
the size of the benefit used in economic analysis. They have almost
equal importance as a supplementary economic tool in determining whether or not appraisals of damages and benefits are realistic. For example, the comparative spreads between gross income and associated
costs is of high importance in estimating the amount of floodwater or
sediment damage a farmer will take before letting his flood plain lands
lie idle, and the degree of protection he will require before he intensifies his land use.



#### CHAPTER 7

## EVALUATION OF DRAINAGE MEASURES

#### I. ON-SITE BENEFITS

Benefits resulting from drainage measures are largely on-site. The following types of on-site benefits may be included: (1) Increases in gross value of production with and without the drainage project, less any increases in crop production costs or other costs, such as increased harvesting, storing and marketing costs, and (2) other benefits, although not evaluated monetarily, include items such as improved wildlife habitat and production, reduction of health hazards, etc.

#### A. Methods.

Determine by use of schedules and by field inspections present average land use and yields (without drainage) and anticipated land use and yields (with drainage). If necessary, pertinent information on costs of production with and without drainage may be obtained from farmers effected at the same time. Such field information should be supplemented by and checked against secondary sources and reports from like areas where drainage improvements have been installed. It is desirable to obtain information on present and anticipated land use and yields by land capability classes, subclasses, or by soil mapping units, whichever is most applicable. This provides for a check on physical feasibility as related to economic feasibility. Aerial photographs with soil survey or capability data recorded on them can be taken to the field for the purpose of identifying crop and yield data by capability class or soil mapping units. After sufficient sample has been obtained, average yields, costs of production and income by crops per acre can be developed by land classes. These data can be used for expansion to larger areas by land classes.

In determining benefits to drainage measures, it is important to separate increases in income or other benefits due to drainage from increases in income due to better managerial practices which could be followed in absence of the project. This may be done, to a reasonable extent, by local farmer interviews and consultation with local technicians or agricultural workers. Results obtained by drainage on like areas, if available, can be used as a check on land use increases in yields or income that may be expected.

Table 1 is a sample of a convenient form for recording basic data on land use and yields.

## B. Summary of On-Site Benefits.

The process of developing an estimate of on-site benefits can be summarized in a work table such as shown in Table 2. This helps the technician in accounting for total area and income effected by proposed drainage.

## C. Amortization, Interest Rates, Prices and Discounting.

The general instructions given in Chapter 1 of this Guide will be used as applicable.

#### II. OFF-SITE BENEFITS

Some floodwater-damage reductions may result from stream channel improvement and construction of lateral ditches or drainage canals needed to provide sufficient outlet for farm land drainage. Where works of improvement are primarily for drainage, an estimate of floodwater damages with and without the program should be made. A decrease in floodwater damages would be a benefit.

#### A. Methods.

Use method adapted to situation as outlined in Chapter 2.

#### III. COSTS

A realistic appraisal of all costs is just as important as an adequate appraisal of benefits. Local practices in contracting, availability of contractors and needed equipment, costs of similar jobs and physical conditions which would affect costs should all be taken into consideration in working up cost estimates.

Costs such as contingencies, legal fees, installation services and annual maintenance can be estimated as a percentage of construction costs. It is recommended that these percentages be worked out to suit localized areas where conditions are alike.

#### A. Project Costs.

Project costs may include, but are not limited to, the types of costs listed below. These may in various combinations make up installation costs or be a part of annual maintenance costs. General instructions as given in the Handbook are to be followed as applicable:

Easements and rights-of-way
Clearing right-of-way
Relocation or rebuilding of roads, bridges,
culverts and fences
Excavation of main canals, ditches and laterals
Stabilization of canals, ditches, or laterals
Motors and pumps
Legal fees
Contingencies
Interest on investment (usually accounted for in
amortization)

Installation services in field surveys, design, preparation of specifications, contracting, layout and supervision
Annual maintenance

Table 3 is given as an example of a form for tabulating and summarizing project installation and operation and maintenance costs.

#### B. Associated Costs.

Examples of associated costs for a drainage project would include increases in harvesting costs and increased costs of subsequent processing, such as ginning costs for cotton; any increases in costs of crop or pasture production; on-farm field drains; land clearing; land conditioning; fencing; pasture development; additional taxes, annual maintenance costs on fences, field drains, pastures, etc. An increase in floodwater damages, usually due to more intensive cropping and higher damageable values, may also be treated as an associated cost.

#### C. Induced Costs.

All induced costs, as defined in Section 6, of the Handbook, should be taken into account where necessary in preparing a cost-benefit ratio for drainage projects. In the analysis, these are handled in the same manner as are project costs. An increase in floodwater damages (usually due to more intensive cropping and higher damageable values) can be treated as an induced cost. (Although not evaluated monetarily, it is necessary to consider and describe any damaging effects to fish and wildlife by drainage projects.)

#### D. Methods and Summarization.

Items such as increased crop production costs will be estimated to begin with on an annual basis. Other items such as fencing, pasture development, or clearing will first be estimated as a total cost. To convert the total cost of these individual items to an annual equivalent amount, use the appropriate amortization factor for the expected economic life of each at local prevailing private interest rate. For example, fencing may cost a total of \$1,000. Suppose it has an assumed economic life of 20 years, and that the private interest rate is 4 percent. The amortization factor, at 4 percent for 20 years, is .07358 (see Compound interest and annuity table). \$1,000 x .07358 = \$7.36 or the average annual equivalent cost. For clearing it will be permissible to use a 50-year amortization period in calculating annual equivalent cost.

All costs should be summarized on an annual or annual equivalent basis. A work sheet can be used to tabulate and total costs of production by crops or land uses with and without drainage.

Table 1

				Watershed		
				Date		
Farm owner/operator _						
Total area effected						
	1			t Drainage		Drainage
Land Unit 1/	Acres	Cap. Class	Land Use	Yield/ac	Land Use	Yield/ac
						-

<sup>1/</sup> Field, capability class or subclass, soil mapping unit, etc.

Table 2 - Project Benefits

		Total Annual Gross Income	(6)	
Prices Used	With Drainage	Annual Gross Tot Income Gro	(8)	xxx
Pr	With D	Yield Per Acre	(2)	XXX
		Land Use and Acres	(9)	
te		Total Annual Gross Income	(5)	
State	Without Drainage	Annual Gross Income Per Acre	(4)	XXX
	Without	Yield Per Acre	(3)	XXX
		Lend Use and Acres	(5)	
Watershed		Land Class	(1)	Total

€9-Gross income with program (total Col. (9)) Gross income without program (total Col. Subtract item 2 from item 1 to obtain item 3 Subtract item 4 from item 3 to obtain item 5 Total annual benefits . . . . . . . . . 4 d m 4 v

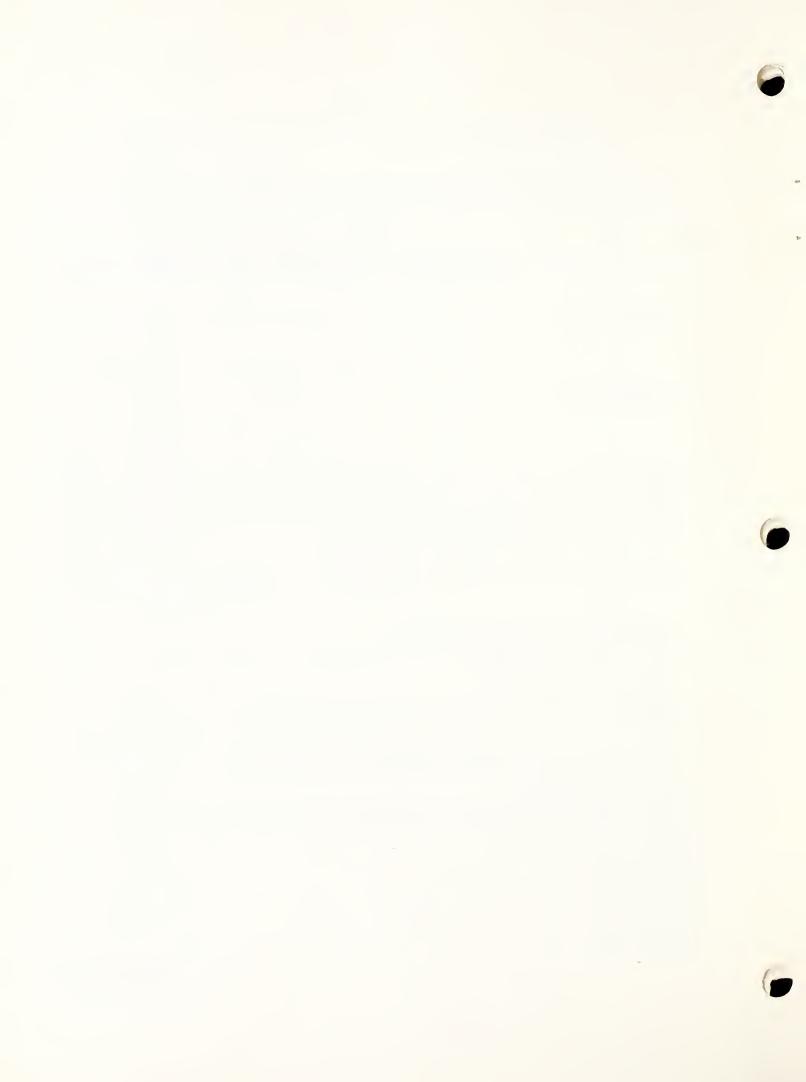
Growing, harvesting, storing and marketing costs, and other on-farm costs, such as field drains, Major crops or land uses can be listed and evaluated by land classes. etc. land clearing and conditioning, fencing, 4

	Jsed	Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs		
osts	Prices Used	Installation Costs rel Non-Federal Total		
3 - Project Costs		Fede	ğ	<del>⊕ ⊕</del> ⊕
Table	State	ty Unit Cost	XXXXX	e Cost
		Quentity	XXXX	ation Cos
		Unit	X	al Install tion and M Cost
	Watershed	Item	Total Costs	Average Annual Installation Cost Annual Operation and Maintenance Cost Total Annual Cost

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## Table 4

Project Costs, Benefits and Benefit-Cost Comparison Watershed COSTS Average Annual Cost Installation Amortization 0 & M Induced Total (\$) (\$) (\$) (\$) Project Costs: Induced Costs: TOTAL BENEFITS Average Annual Benefit (\$) Drainage (increased net income): Flood Damage Reduction: TOTAL Benefit-Cost Ratio



#### CHAPTER 8

## EVALUATION OF IRRIGATION MEASURES

#### I. BENEFITS

Benefits resulting from irrigation measures are mainly on-site and may include the following: (1) Increases in gross value of production with and without the irrigation project, less any increases in crop production costs or other costs, such as increased harvesting, storing and marketing costs, and (2) other benefits, although not evaluated in monetary terms, such as improved wildlife habitat, reduction in health hazards, etc.

#### A. Methods.

Determine by use of schedules and field inspection, present land use and yields (without irrigation and probable land use and yields with irrigation). Pertinent information on cost of production with and without irrigation should be obtained at the same time. It is desirable that the above information be obtained by land capability classes, subclasses or by soil mapping units for appropriate subdivisions of the area to be effected by irrigation measures. Aerial photographs with soil survey or capability data recorded on them can be taken to the field for the purpose of identifying crop and yield data by capability classes or soil mapping units. After an adequate sample has been obtained, yields, production, costs of production and income by crops can be developed for appropriate units of the project and expanded to larger areas, where necessary, to cover the entire project area.

In determining benefits to irrigation measures, it is important to omit increases in income or other benefits which arise from better managerial practices. This may be done to a reasonable extent, through the exercise of judgment and by a careful check of results obtained by irrigation on comparable areas where such information is available.

Table 1 is a sample form that could be used for recording basic data on land use and crop yields.

#### II. COSTS

In evaluating irrigation measures, a number of different types and kinds of costs must be taken into account in the analysis. A realistic appraisal of costs is just as important as is an adequate appraisal of benefits.

## A. Project Costs.

In general, the cost of establishing, maintaining and operating

off-farm irrigation measures is considered as a project cost. These may include, but are not limited to, the types of costs listed below:

Easements and rights-of-way
Reservoir, dam and appurtenant works
Diversion works
Canal excavation and realignment
Flumes
Headgates
Contingencies
Installation services
Annual operation and maintenance

#### B. Associated Costs.

In general, all on-farm capital costs and farm production operating and maintenance costs required in connection with irrigation facilities are considered as associated costs (as defined in Chapter 1).

#### C. Induced Costs.

All induced costs, as defined in Section 6, of the Handbook, should be taken into account where necessary in preparing a cost-benefit ratio for irrigation projects. In the analysis, these are handled in the same manner as are project costs.

#### III. ILLUSTRATED EXAMPLE OF AN IRRIGATION PROJECT EVALUATION

- A. The following example illustrates a summary evaluation of an assumed irrigation project:
- l. The assumed project presently has an inadequate late summer water supply which prevents full use of the land potentials. A multiple-purpose structure is proposed which will provide flood control and irrigation storage.
- 2. The irrigation features involve a share of the reservoir and dam, improvement of diversion works, and canal realignment and rehabilitation.
- 3. Thirty-four farms, containing 2,740 acres, are included within the irrigation system boundaries.
  - 4. Land capability classes are:

190 acres - Class I; 1,440 acres - Class IIe; 610 acres - Class IIs; 320 acres - Class IIIw; 180 acres-Class IVe

# Present Farm Conditions Without Project - Short Water Supply Long-Term Prices

			Net	Income1/
Crop	Acres	Yield	Per Acre	Total
Alfalfa Alsike Clover (seed) Irrigated pasture Dryland pasture Barley Oats Sugar beets	605 160 550 410 270 220 140	3 t. 4 cwt. 5 aum. 2 aum. 40 bu. 50 bu. 16 t.	\$23.90 38.15 23.60 6.10 12.00 7.10 62.20	\$14,460 6,100 12,980 2,500 3,240 1,560 8,710
Idle, garden, roads, farmsteads	385 2,740	lump	25.00 per (1 per fa	
Average per acre net	income		\$18.39	

# Future Conditions With Project Installed Long-Term Prices

Crop	Acres	Yield	Ne Per Acre	t Income Total
Alfalfa Alsike Clover Irrigated pasture Barley Oats Sugar beets	685 275 685 220 220 380	4 t. 4 cwt. 10 aum. 50 bu. 75 bu. 22 t.	\$ 39.20 38.15 49.80 20.70 23.80 118.00	\$ 26,850 10,490 34,110 4,550 5,240 44,840
Idle, garden, roads, farmstead	275 2,740	lump	25.00	850 \$126,930
Average per acre net	income		\$ 46.32	

<sup>1/</sup> Gross value of production less growing, harvesting, storing, marketing and all other crop production costs.

## Summary of Project Installation Costs

Reservoir, dam and appurtenant works	\$105,000
Diversion works	37,200
Canal excavation and realignment	21,300
Flume replacement	18,600
Headgate rehabilitation	9,700
Land leveling	56,400
Farm drainage	4,000
Revision of farm irrigation systems	16,880
Contingencies	23,000
Installation services	49,400
Total Project Installation Cost	\$341,480

## Amortization of Project Installation Cost

<u>Item</u>	Economic Life (years)	Interest Rate (%)	Amortization Factor	Total Cost (\$)	Average Annual Equivalent Cost (\$)
Dam & reservoir Diversion works	50	5 2½	.05478 <sub>1</sub> /	105,000 43,900	5,752 1,548
Canals and con- tingencies Installation	50	5	.054782/	65,900	3,610
services	50	21/2	.03526	49,400	1,7 <sup>4</sup> 2 12,652

### Amortization of Associated On-Farm Capital Costs

<u>Item</u>	Economic Life (years)	Interest Rate (%)	Amortization Factor	Total Cost (\$)	Average Annual Equivalent Cost (\$)
Land leveling Farm drainage	<b>2</b> 0	5	.08024	56,400 4,000	4,526 321
Revision of far			_	•	
irrigation sy	st. 20	5	.08024	16,880 77,280	1,354 6,201

<sup>1/</sup> Arbitrarily assumed that the Federal Government would share 40% of costs of distribution system and contingencies.

<sup>2/</sup> Assumed that local interests would share 60% of distribution system and contingencies.

## Summary of Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs

Dam and reservoir	\$ 2,100
Diversions and canal systems	4,340
Flumes and headgates	1,115
Land leveling	2,800
Farm irrigation systems	840
Farm drainage	80
	\$11,275

## Summary of Benefits

Net income after improvement	\$126,930
Net income before improvement	50,400
Increase in net income	76,530
Less associated costs	6,201
Net Benefits	\$ 70,329

## Benefit-Cost Analysis

## Benefits:

Increase in annual net income	\$70,329
Costs:	
Annual operation and maintenance cost Average annual equivalent project cost Induced costs (loss in annual income from	11,275
reservoir area) Total Costs	1,000 \$24,927

Benefit-Cost ratio \$70,329 (Benefits) + \$24,927 (Costs) = 2.82 to 1

Table 1

			Watershed	
			Date	
Farm owner/o	perator			
Total area a	ffected		Acres	
Crop or	Land Use	Average Yie	ld Per Acre	
Without	With	Without	With	
Irrigation	I	Irrigation		Remarks
Measures	Measures	Measures	Measures	11 013002 120
Crop Acres	Crop Acres			
		Company of the Compan		

#### CHAPTER 9

#### EVALUATION OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL WATER-MANAGEMENT MEASURES

#### I. GENERAL

Public Law 566, 83rd Congress, authorizes the Federal Government to "cooperate with States and their political subdivisions, soil or water conservation districts, flood prevention or control districts, and other local public agencies for the purpose of . . . furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water . . . ". Measures installed to achieve the foregoing purposes are referred to as water-management measures. Water-management measures are subdivided by broad purposes into irrigation measures, drainage measures and other water-management measures. The evaluation of irrigation and drainage measures is discussed in other chapters of this Guide. Hence, this chapter is confined to the evaluation of those measures which clearly do not fall within the usual concept of irrigation or drainage.

Other water-management measures include:

- (1) Community water distribution measures to provide water for livestock.
  - (2) Measures for recharging groundwater.
  - (3) Watershed measures designed to improve the yield of water.
- (4) Control of salt cedars or other phreatophytes of little or no economic value.

#### A. Evaluation of Community Livestock Water.

Scarcity of livestock water in some areas has prevented needed land use adjustments. Grass is generally marketed through livestock and stockwater must be available if the forage has a market value. In some areas an annual unit month of grazing has a net value of \$2.50 to \$5.00. An animal unit requires about 500 gallons of drinking water per month. Hence, the value of water for livestock use on this basis may be as high as  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 cent per gallon, or \$1,600 to \$3,200 per acre-foot. This probably approximates the average cost of hauling water. It is obvious, however, that where stockwater is the limiting factor in the utilization and marketing of forage the economic justification for stockwater development may assume fantastic proportions. Hence, anticipated benefits would not impose any serious cost limitations on stockwater facilities. However, proper economic evaluation does require that relative costs of alternatives be considered so that net benefits are maximized.

Under this concept then, it may not be necessary to establish a productive value of water which at best is a difficult and complicated job. From an economic standpoint, the alternative that is most feasible is the one that satisfies the need for stockwater at the least annual cost. The annual cost consists of two components:

- 1. The amortization of the project cost over the life of the project, or 50 years, whichever is shorter.
- 2. The annual cost of operation and maintenance. It is apparent that a facility with low initial cost but high operation and maintenance cost may have a higher annual cost than one with a higher initial cost but lower operation and maintenance. This is illustrated by the following examples of two alternative stockwater facilities, either of which will satisfy the required needs for stockwater:

Type of Facility	Initial Cost	Expected Life
Stockwater well:		
Drilling well, casing, pipe Equipment, including windmill, pump, storage tank and drink-	\$3,000	50
ing troughs  Total Initial Cost	2,000 \$5,000	20
Stockwater Reservoir (50 years sediment capacity):		
Dam and outlet Watering troughs, pipe and fencing Total Initial Cost	\$6,000 1,000 \$7,000	50 20

## Annual Cost at 42 Percent Interest

#### Stockwater well:

Amortization	
Drilling well, casing and pipe (.0506)	\$152
Equipment (.0769)	306
Operation and maintenance	250
Total Annual Cost	\$708
-	\$708

#### Stockwater Reservoir:

Amortization	
Dam and outlet (.0506)	\$304
Equipment (.0769)	77
Operation and maintenance	100
Total Annual Cost	\$481

In this example, a stockwater reservoir would return the same benefits as a well at about 68 percent of the cost even though the installation cost is 40 percent greater.



Measures for increasing ground water, improving water yield from watersheds or decreasing non-beneficial use all have one common purpose which is to increase the economic value of a watershed's water resources. Hence, the evaluation of benefits stemming from any of these measures is generally evaluated in the same way. The only justification for increasing or stabilizing streamflow is that present streamflow does not satisfy either the present or potential demand for it. To the extent that modified streamflow and improved water supply further satisfies the demand, it has an economic value.

The economic value of water may be considered to be either its net productive or use value or the cost of supplying it by the least costly alternative method, whichever is the smaller. In many parts of the arid section of the country the opportunities for augmenting the water supply by storage projects or transmountain diversions are limited either by undeveloped water supplies, which may be put into beneficial use, or the feasibility of such projects.

The productive value of water for agricultural use is dependent upon these factors:

- 1. The response of adapted crops (yield) and cropping patterns to additional water supply.
  - 2. The market value of adapted crops.
- 3. Variable costs associated with the production and marketing of adapted crops.
- 4. Other non-project costs associated with the delivery and utilization of the additional water supply.
  - 5. Consumptive use requirements of adapted crops.
- 6. Non-beneficial losses of the water supply from point of origin or recovery to point of measurement or use.

In areas presently irrigated considerable data are available on these factors. A study of crop yields in areas where water is not a limiting factor provides a good guide for the potential yields in similar areas if water shortages are eliminated. Similar projections may be made for cropping patterns providing the market outlets are similar. Because markets are seldom localized and because the increased supply of farm products in relation to the total market supply is small, it is generally safe to assume that the market price will be the same as prices that have prevailed in the past. Caution should be observed,

however, for those specialty crops that may now be used to satisfy local demand but with additional production would have to move to a distant market in competition with production from more favorable areas.

Where additional water supplies are used to augment existing supplies, without changing the area irrigated or the cropping pattern, variable production costs usually are confined to irrigation labor and harvesting costs. If there are significant changes in cropping patterns and new land is brought under irrigation, production costs with and without project conditions must be determined and any difference is the variable production cost taken into account. Other non-project costs that may be required to put the additional water to beneficial use such as distribution, storage or pumping costs should be evaluated. These costs, together with increases in variable production costs, comprise the associated costs.

Consumptive use requirements of crops for irrigation water are equal to the amount of water needed to grow crops to maturity with satisfactory yields under ordinary or average agronomic practices minus effective precipitation during the growing season. Hence, if the total consumptive use for alfalfa is 30 inches and the effective precipitation is 5 inches, 25 inches of water must be supplied by irrigation. This is the consumptive use requirement of alfalfa for irrigation water. These requirements for different crops vary from place to place depending on effective precipitation, relative humidity, temperature, daylight hours and length of growing season. Hence, they must be determined for localized areas. These requirements are sufficient only to meet the requirements for plant growth and do not allow for losses due to such factors as seepage from farm ditches, surface runoff, or deep percolation. These losses must be added to the consumptive use requirement to obtain the total requirement at the farm headgate where the water is generally measured.

Before the water reaches the farm headgate, additional losses must usually be considered. In the case of phreatophyte control, for example, the change in water consumed is first determined at the treated area. This may be several miles from the farm headgate and the increased water supply may be reduced in transit through several miles of stream channels, evaporation from reservoirs and irrigation laterals. All of these losses must be considered in arriving at the benefits of increased water supply.

To illustrate the method used for evaluating the benefits of water salvage, the following example is given for phreatophyte control where the additional water will alleviate present water shortages:

## 1. Conditions or Assumptions.

Amount of water salvaged at treatment area 1000	ac. ft.
Normal loss to farm headgate	percent
Normal loss to farm headgate 250	ac. ft.
Amount available at farm headgate 750	ac. ft.
Farm irrigation efficiency 60	percent
Additional irrigation water available for con-	
sumptive use 450	ac. ft.
Area irrigated (present and future) 1800	acres

## 2. Estimated Present and Future Consumptive Use and Crop Yields Per Acre.

	7 /	Consumptive	e Use-Feet	Crop Y	ields
Crop	Acres_/	Present	Future	Present	Future
Alfalfa	540	1026	1296	2.4 T.	3.0 T.
Barley	540	659	659	50 bu.	50 bu.
Corn	360	511	601	47 bu.	55 bu.
Sugar beets	360	644	734	13 T.	15 T.
Total	1800	2840	3290		

## 3. Calculation of Increased Net Return.

Crop	Increased Production	Value of Increase	Increased Variable Cost	Increased Net Return
Alfalfa Barley Corn Sugar beets Total	324 T. - 2880 bu. 720 T.	\$ 6,200 4,030 8,460 \$18,690	\$ 2,200 1,150 3,420 \$ 6,770	\$ 4,000 2,880 5,040 \$11,920

In connection with Step 2, water supply studies are required to determine the adequacy of the present supply. In the foregoing example, it was found that barley, which matures early in the season with a low water requirement, was not limited in yield under average management practices by an inadequate supply. The other crop yields were limited by inadequate late season water. The estimated increases in yields were based on available data and the judgment of qualified individuals on the assumption that all other units of input, except water, remained constant. Whether or not this is a reasonable assumption in all cases depends on a number of factors. However, any improvements that increase the efficiency of water use should be evaluated separately unless it is determined that increased efficiency of water use is dependent upon increasing the water supply.

<sup>1/</sup> No change in cropping pattern

Increases in variable costs should include all non-project costs which are necessary to secure the anticipated benefits. In irrigated areas the existing irrigation systems may require modification to handle the additional supply. If so, such costs should be taken into account as well as changes in "on the farm" costs. If the increased water supply stems from increased groundwater recharge, changes in pumping costs should be considered. This may require rather detailed studies of present and future groundwater depletion and pumping lifts.

Other agricultural water-management measures generally provide onsite benefits as well as the off-site benefits discussed above. Vegetative changes from deep rooted trees and shrubs of little or no economic value to adapted grasses that may be marketed through livestock, may result in significant on-site benefits. Measures designed to retard and prolong surface flow on underground water recharge areas may also result in increased forage production. The evaluation of these on-site benefits is done in the same way as the comparable on-site benefits of landtreatment measures. (See Chapter 8)

C. Summary of Evaluation of Other Water-Management Measures.

The general principles involved in the economic analysis of other water-management measures are not discussed in this section because they have been discussed in Chapter 1 and elsewhere. These same principles should be followed in the evaluation of these types of measures. The following check sheet may be helpful in identifying the most common types of benefits that will accrue from these measures, and the costs that should be considered. Although there are exceptions the principal types of benefits are underlined.

## Benefits of Other Water-Management Measures

	Type of Measure	On-Site Benefits	Off-Site Benefits
1.	Community stockwater facilities	Net increased value of livestock production attributable to facilities or alternative cost of providing stockwater, whichever is smaller.	Relative contribution of this type of measure in combination with land-treatment in reducing floodwater and sediment damage and improvement of water yields.
2.	Measures for recharg- ing groundwater	Net increased value of crop and forage production on treated areas.	Net value of increased water supply available for beneficial use. Minor reduction of flood damage.

3. Watershed measures to improve water yields.

Net increased value of crop and forage production on treated area. Net value of changes in seasonal or annual water supply. Minor reduction of flood damage.

4. Phreatophyte control.

Net increased value of crop and forage production on treated area. Increased flood damage, if any, due to land use changes treated as associated cost and deducted from benefit. Net value of changes in water supply measured at point of use.

## Costs of Other Water-Management Measures 1/

	Type of Measure	Project Costs2/	Associated Costs3/
1.	Community stock- water facilities	Cost of installing, operating and main-taining measures.	None when benefits are evaluated on basis of least costly alternatives. When benefits are based on productive value of water, associated costs include all costs of the livestock enterprise needed to market the water.
2.	Measures for re- charging ground- water	11	On-site benefits: Cost associated with utilizing and marketing additional forage production. Off-site benefits: None when benefits are evaluated on basis of least costly alternatives. When based on productive value of water, associated costs consist of changes of pumping costs and other variable production costs incurred in utilizing additional supply.
3.	Watershed measures to improve water yields.	11	
4.	Phreatophyte contro	ol "	II .

The following footnotes apply to references indicated on preceding page:

- In some cases costs may include uncompensated adverse effects (induced costs). Where appropriate, they should be evaluated and shown as a cost in column 8 of table 3, of the work plan.
- Net installation costs (initial project costs minus present worth of salvage value) amortized at going interest rates in 50 years or life of measures, whichever is shorter. Operation and maintenance costs include all recurring costs (compensated or otherwise) that are necessary for the measures to operate effectively.
- 3/ Associated costs are deducted from benefits and only net benefits enter into the benefit-cost ratio.

## APPENDIX A

## DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS

(To be furnished at a later date)



## APPENDIX B - LAND DAMAGE

## I. ALTERNATE METHODS OF EVALUATING EROSION AND SEDIMENT DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURAL LAND

These methods are all based on the supposition that productivity will continue to decrease more or less gradually and at about the rate that has prevailed over the period of cultivation or any other more suitable, applicable period. Present productivity, land use and income of land subject to future damage are used as the basis of evaluation. Also, the net income value used is calculated as gross value of production less crop production costs (growing, harvesting, storing and marketing costs).

Table 1

Net Income at Different Productivity Levels

	Productivity	Gross Value of	Growing	Harvest Storage Market	Net	Net Income
Damage	Level	Production	Cost	Cost	Income	(Difference)
(%)	(%)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90	100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10	55.35 49.81 44.28 38.74 33.21	21.35 21.35 21.35 21.35 21.35	14.05 12.64 11.24 9.83 8.43	19.951/ 15.821/ 11.691/ 7.561/ 3.432/ 2.862/ 2.292/ 1.722/ 1.152/ .582/ 0	4.13 4.13 4.13 4.13 .57 .57 .57 .57

The following field information is used in the damage calculations:

Area subject to future damage.

Present use of above area.

Average initial damage (damage at time of occurrence)

Lag in beginning of productivity recovery.

Maximum productivity recovery.

Time elapse from initial damage to maximum recovery.

Area and severity of observed damage.

Period over which observed damage accrued.

Anticipated rate (areal) of future damage.

<sup>1/ 0-40%</sup> damage based on crop production; over 40% damage based on lower income producing uses.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on less profitable uses.

The method takes into account the fact that in most instances, the period over which a given rate of damage can occur is limited by either the area subject to damage, characteristics of the land, or the maximum decline in productivity and income expected.

Methods generally applicable to different field conditions are presented below for scour and streambank erosion, and overwash and swamping.

#### A. Field Condition I.

No increase in total area damaged is expected, however, it is expected that the present damaged area will further decline in productivity (yields) due to continued deposition or sedimentation. Also, no recovery of productivity without the program is expected. (Applicable to specific field conditions of sand (overwash), scour and swamping.) Sample calculation of average annual damage follows:

-		Productivity Net Income per A		ome per Acre		
		Index	Value of	Cost of	Net	
		(Yield)	Production	Production	Income	
		(%)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)	(\$/ac)	
1.	Undamaged land	100	55-35	35.40	19.95	
2.	Damaged land (observed)	80	44.28	32.59	11.69	
3.	Reduction	20				

24	Rete of	productivity	decline	Productivity	reduction		20	_	5
T 6	nace or	productivity	accillic	Period of	damage	-	40	_	• )

- 5. Expected productivity index at maximum decline
- 50 (% undamaged land)
- 6. No. years to reach maximum decline

Difference 30 + .5 = 60 years

- 7. Net income 60 years hence (50% productivity index) \$2.86/ac
- 8. Rate of expected income loss

## 9. Average annual damage without program

.14717 x 445.62012 65.48191 .14717 x 60 x 25 x .09506 20.98497

Average annual damage per acre  $86.56688 \times .04 = $3.46268$ 

Observed present area damaged 300 acres

Average annual damage without program 300 x 3.46268 = \$1,039

Discount factors - 4% interest

PV of 1 per annum, perpetuity
445.62012 PV of 1 increasing annuity - 60 years
.09506 PV of 1, 60 years hence

#### B. Field Condition II.

An increase in area damaged is expected and it is further expected that the present damaged area will further decline in productivity (yields) due to continued deposition. Also, no recovery of productivity without the program is expected. (Applicable to specific field conditions of overwash, scour and swamping.) Sample calculations of average annual damage follows:

## 1. Damage on newly damaged areas

a.	Productivity index at present (undamaged land)	100
	Productivity index at maximum decline	50
C.	Rate of productivity decline (see Item 4, Field	
	Condition I)	•5
d.	No. years to reach maximum productivity decline	

Present productivity index 100 Productivity at maximum decline 50

Difference  $50 \div .5 = 100$ 

- e. Net income 100 years hence \$2.86 per acre
- f. Rate of expected income loss

Present income \$19.95 100 years hence 2.86 \$17.09 + 100 = \$.1709 per acre g. Average annual damage without program

.1709 x 587.62985 100.42594 .1709 x 100 x 25 x .01980 8.45955 Average annual damage per acre 108.88549 x .04 = \$4.35542

Annual rate of damage  $\frac{300 \text{ pres. area damage}}{40 \text{ years}} = 7.5 \text{ acres}$ 

New area subject to damage

112 acres

Years over which increases in area damaged can occur  $\frac{112}{7.5} = 15$ 

4.35542 x 11.11839 x 7.5 = \$363 average annual damage

Discount factors - 4% interest

587.62985 PV annuity, 100 years 25 PV annuity 1, perpetuity .01980 PV 1, 100 years 11.11839 PV 1 per annum, 15 years

- 2. Average annual value of damage expected on previously damaged area (See 1 through 9 Field Condition I) = \$1,039
- 3. Total average annual damage \$1,039 + \$363 = \$1,402.
  - C. Field Condition III.

An increase in area damaged is expected and recovery due to either natural processes or normal farm operations is a factor to be considered in the evaluation. (Applicable to specific field conditions of streambank and scour erosion, and overwash.) Inasmuch as recovery is usually a factor to be considered in streambank erosion damage, the following sample calculation is presented:

1. Productivity index and net income on undamaged land subject fo future damage.

\$19.95 per acre (equivalent to net income without damage)

2. Productivity of land and net income at maximum recovery.

80 \$11.69 per acre

3. Initial damage, productivity index and net income.

100 \$0 per acre

4. Delay in beginning of recovery

- 5 years
- 5. Period required to reach maximum recovery 45 years (40 years after recovery begins)
- 6. Average annual rate of damage observed damage area no. years of occurrence calculations:

Net income values used

Initial damage	\$ 0 per acre
5 years hence	0
32 years hence	3.43
45 years hence	11.69
Undamaged land	19.95

Non-recoverable (1)  $$19.95 - 11.69 \times 25 = $206.50$ 

#### Recoverable

Average annual value of loss per acre  $406.58444 \times .04 = $16.26338$ .

Average annual damage when rate is 3 acres/year

Continuing in perpetuity 16.26338 x 25 x 3 \$1,220 Continuing for 30 years 16.26338 x 17.29203 x 3 844

Discount factors - 4% interest

25	PV of 1 per annum, perpetuity
	PV of 1 per annum, 32 years
31.68138	PV of decreasing annuity - 8 years
4.45182	PV of 1 per annum, 5 years
	PV of 1, 32 years
266.76036	PV of decreasing annuity, 27 years
.82193	PV of 1, 5 years



## APPENDIX C - USE OF COMPOUND INTEREST AND ANNUITY TABLES IN BENEFIT AND COST EVALUATION

#### I. GENERAL

Compound interest and annuity tables are used in benefit-cost analysis when benefits are delayed for a significant period after costs are incurred, when benefits are not constant over the evaluation period, and when costs, expressed as capital or principal amounts, must be converted to an average annual cost.

Compound interest and annuity factors are functions of the interest rate and time. In the following examples and discussion it is assumed that the interest rate is 4 percent and the evaluation period is 50 years.

#### II. EXPLANATION OF ANNUITY AND INTEREST FACTORS

#### A. Present Value of 1.

This is the amount that must be invested now at compound interest to have a value of 1 in a given length of time. The interest on \$96,154 at 4% for one year is \$3,846 and the interest plus principal at the end of one year has an accumulated value of \$100,000. Thus, the present value of \$100,000 one year hence is \$96,154 or the present value of 1 is  $.96154 \frac{(96154)}{(100,000)}$ . (Column 2)

## B. Compound Amount of 1 (Not shown on table).

This is the amount that will accumulate when a given amount is invested at compound interest for a given period of time and the interest is not withdrawn. The compound amount of \$1 in one year is \$1.04, in two years \$1.0816, etc. It is the reciprocal of the present value of 1. Hence, to determine the compound amount of 1 in 25 years, if the appropriate factor is not known, it can be determined by dividing 1 by .37512 = 2.666. Thus it can be said the \$2.666 in 25 years at 4% has a present value of 1 (\$2.666 x .37512) or the compound amount of \$1 in 25 years is \$2.666.

#### C. Amortization.

The extinguishing of a financial obligation in equal installments is called amortization. The amortization factor is the amount of the installment required to retire a debt of \$1 in a given length of time. For example, if a farmer borrows \$1,000 at 4 percent for three years, he must pay \$360.35 per year on the note as follows:

Year	Payment	Interest Charge	Payment on Principal	Unpaid Balance
0				\$1,000.00
1	\$ 360.35	\$40.00	\$ 320.35	679.65
2	360.35	27.19	333.16	346.49
3	360.35	13.86	346.49	
	\$1,081.05	\$81.05	\$1,000.00	

## D. Sinking Fund.

A sinking fund is the amount accumulated for the purpose of paying a debt or for accumulating capital. It is the principal component of \$1,000 in the foregoing example (as distinguished from the interest component). Hence, the sinking fund factor is equal the amortization factor minus the interest factor (interest rate). The annuity necessary to accumulate a sinking fund of 1,000 in three years at 1,000 in three years (sinking fund) of 1,000.

## E. Present Value of an Annuity of \$1 Per Year.

The present value of \$1 per year is the reciprocal of the amortization factor. It is a measure of the present value or worth of equal income amounts over a period of time. For example an annuity of \$1,000 per year for ten years is worth \$8,110.90 at 4 percent because \$8,110.90 invested now will yield an annual income of \$1,000 for ten years (\$8,110.90 x .12329). Since the present value of an annuity of \$1 per year is the reciprocal of the amortization factor, their product must always equal 1.

## F. The Amount of an Annuity of \$1 Per Year.

This is the amount that an investment of \$1 per year will accumulate in a certain period of time at compound interest. It is the reciprocal of the sinking fund factor. The investment of \$1,000 per year at 4% for ten years has a value at the end of ten years of \$12,006. (\$1,000 x 12.006). The present value of \$12,006 ten years hence is \$8,111 (\$12,006 x .67556). This is the same value as obtained by multiplying the annuity (\$1,000) by the present value of \$1 per year (8.111).

## G. The Present Value of an Increasing Annuity.

This is the measure of present value of an annuity that is not constant but increases uniformly over a period of time. In using this

factor it is important to note that the value of \$1 (which is multiplied by the factor) is the annual rate of increase and not the total increase during the period. For example, an annuity increases uniformly over a ten-year period at which time it amounts to \$1,000 per year. Hence, the annual rate of increase is \$100 (\$100 at the end of the first year, \$200 at the end of the second year, etc.). The present value of such an annuity is \$4,199 (\$100 x \$41.99). The increasing annuity factor is applicable where the beginning value is zero. If it is not zero (e.g., an increase from \$500 to \$1,500) then the \$500 must be treated as a constant annuity. See problem 5.

### H. The Present Value of a Decreasing Annuity.

This is the reverse of an increasing annuity and is handled in the same way. It should be noted that the present value of a decreasing annuity is greater than an equal increasing annuity. The reason for this is that a decreasing annuity has a high initial value whereas an increasing annuity has a high terminal value and when reduced to present value is subject to a greater discount.

#### III. EVALUATION PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE USE OF ANNUITY AND INTEREST FACTORS

The following problems illustrate the use of annuity factors. Although the examples used are hypothetical, they represent the type of problems frequently encountered in economic evaluations. Discount factors that may be used to short cut the calculations are shown.

#### A. Problem 1.

Floodwater damage under present flood plain conditions is estimated to be \$1,000 annually. However, streambank erosion (not evaluated as a floodwater damage) is gradually destroying the land on which the floodwater damage occurs. Hence, the average annual floodwater damage will not be as great fifty years from now as it is at the present time. The problem is to determine how much the average annual floodwater damage should be discounted to reflect this condition. In this example it is assumed that the average annual floodwater damage fifty years hence will be \$750.

#### Solution

The normal equivalent floodwater damage is made up of two annuities: (1) a constant annuity of \$750 per year, and (2) a decreasing annuity of \$250 in 50 years (\$5/year).

The present value of a decreasing annuity of \$5 per year for 50 years is \$3565 ( $$5 \times 712.945$ ). The annual equivalent value of the decreasing annuity is \$166 ( $$3565 \times .04655$ ). This is added to the \$750

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constant annuity and the answer, \$916 is the adjusted average annual flood-water damage.

Similar problems may be solved in a similar manner but the following short cut may be helpful. The rate of discounting a decreasing annuity is equal to:

For this example the discount factor equals:

$$\frac{712.94538}{50 \times 21.48218} = .66376$$

It will probably save considerable time to calculate other factors for the most frequently used interest rates and time periods.

(The problem of evaluating the streambank erosion in this example will be considered in the following problem 2.)

#### B. Problem 2.

Streambank erosion is destroying land at the rate of 5 acres per year. The reduction in net income due to this loss is \$25 per acre or \$125 per year. This amount (\$125) is not a constant annuity but an increasing annuity; e.g., \$125 the first year, \$250 the second year, and \$6,250 the 50th year. What is the annual equivalent streambank erosion damage?

### Solution

- 1. The present value of an increasing annuity of \$125 per year for 50 years is \$47,831 (\$125 x 382.646).
- 2. The annual equivalent value of \$47,831 is equal to \$2,227 (\$47,831  $\times$  .04655) which is the average annual streambank erosion damage.

From the foregoing it is determined that the annual equivalent value of an annuity increasing at a uniform rate for 50 years is equal to the annual rate of increase x 17.812 or the value in the 50th year x .35624.

#### C. Problem 3.

A damage or a benefit increases uniformly over a period of years and thereafter becomes constant. Determine the annual equivalent value (50 year evaluation period).

Given: The value of flood damage reduction benefits from land-treatment measures will amount to \$3,000 annually after 15 years. During the first 15 years the annuity will increase at the rate of \$200/year.

## Solution

- 1. The present value of an increasing annuity of \$200 per year equals  $$200 \times 80.854 = $16,171$ .
- 2. The present value of a constant annuity or \$3,000 for 35 years deferred 15 years equals  $\$3,000 \times 18.665 \times .555 = \$31,055$ .
  - 3. Total present value (1 + 2) = \$47,226.
  - 4. Annual equivalent value equals  $$47,226 \times .04655 = $2,198$ .

If the annuity increased the same as above but thereafter continued in perpetuity the annual equivalent value may be determined in the following manner: Multiply the present value of an annuity of 1 per year for the increasing period minus 1 year (in this case 14 years) add 1 and multiply by the rate of increase. For this example the computation is:  $(10.56312 + 1) \times $200 = $2,313$ .

## D. Problem 4.

A measure yields no benefit for a few years and then yields a continuing and constant benefit for the remainder of the evaluation period. What is the annual equivalent benefit?

Given: The value of forage from reseeding is estimated at \$1,000 per year after the grass becomes established and is ready for use. It is estimated that 3 years are required for successful establishment. What is the annual equivalent benefit?

#### Solution

The present value of an annuity of \$1,000 per year deferred three years equals  $$1,000 \times .889 = $889$ .

It should be noted that in this case it is unnecessary to convert the annuity to a capital value, discount for the deferment period and reconvert to an annual equivalent value.

## E. Problem 5.

The average annual floodwater damage under present conditions is estimated to be \$1,000 annually. A study of sediment problems indicates that channel aggradation will increase this floodwater damage to \$1,500 per year in 50 years. Although the increase in damage is a floodwater damage, it is properly classified as a sediment damage since sedimentation is the primary cause of the increase. What is the average annual sediment damage due to channel aggradation?

## Solution

The increase in damage in the 50th year is \$500. From problem 2 we know that the annual equivalent value of an increasing annuity is .35624 x the value in the 50th year (\$500) equals \$178. Hence, the average annual sediment damage is \$178. The floodwater damage is still considered to be \$1,000 per year.

## F. Problem 6.

It may be impractical in some instances to design retarding structures to be fully effective for 50 years. If replacement is not practical, benefits will decline when sediment starts encroaching on the floodwater capacity. What adjustment in average annual benefits are necessary to reflect this situation?

Given: Average annual benefits attributable to a structure is \$1,000 for 30 years, thereafter gradually declining at the rate of \$20 per year to \$600 per year in the 50th year.

## Solution

There are several methods of solving this problem, but the following is probably the best. The value of the annuity is made up of three components: (1) a constant annuity of \$600 for 50 years, (2) a constant annuity of \$400 for 30 years and (3) a decreasing annuity of \$20 per year for 20 years, and deferred 30 years. The present value of the annuity is solved in three steps as follows:

(1) \$600 x 21.48218	=	\$12,889
(1) \$600 x 21.48218 (2) \$400 x 17.29203	=	6,916
(3) \$20 x 160.24184 x .30832	=	988
Total present value		\$20,793

The annual equivalent value is  $$20,793 \times .04655 = $968$ .

## F. Problem 7.

The installation cost must be converted to an annual cost for benefit-cost comparison. How is this done for these typical situations?

Given: A structure costs \$10,000 and its life is at least 50 years. The costs are shared on the basis of anticipated benefits as follows: Federal cost, \$7,000; non-Federal public cost, \$1,000; private cost, \$2,000.

### Solution

On the basis of interest rates of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent for all public costs and 4 percent for private costs, the following amortization factors are applied to each of the above costs:

Agency or Group	Installation Cost	Amortization Factor	Annual Equivalent Cost
Federal	\$ 7,000	.03526	\$247
Non-Federal Public	1,000	.03526	35
Private	2,000	.04655	93
Total	\$10,000		\$375

Hence, the annual equivalent value of the installation cost of \$10,000 is \$375.

Given: A structure costs \$10,000, but will last only 25 years. It can be replaced at the end of 25 years at approximately the same cost. Cost-sharing is the same as in the foregoing example.

### Solution

By amortizing the cost in 25 years the resulting average annual cost is sufficient to amortize the second investment of \$10,000 by the 50th year. Hence, the costs are amortized as follows:

Agency or Group	Installation Cost	Amortization Factor	Annual Equivalent Cost
Federal	\$ 7,000	.054	\$378
Non-Federal Public	1,000	.054	54
Private	2,000	.064	128
Total	\$10,000		\$560



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Given: Same conditions as No. 2 except that replacement will cost 50 percent more than the initial installation or \$15,000.

## Solution

It is assumed that the \$15,000 cost will be shared on the same basis as the initial cost of \$10,000. Hence, each share of the cost of the second installation and its present worth is as follows:

Agency or Group	Installation Cost	Present Value of 1	Present Value of Installation Cost
Federal	\$10,500	• 539	\$5,660
Non-Federal Public	1,500	• 539	810
Private	3,000	•375	1,125
Total	\$15,000		\$7,595

The present value of the cost of the second installation is added to the initial cost and amortized on a 50-year basis as follows:

Agency or Group	Present Value of Installation Cost	Amortization Factor	Annual Equi- valent Cost
Federal	\$12,660	.03526	\$446
Non-Federal Public	1,810	.03526	64
Private	3,125	.04655	145
Total	\$17,595		\$655

The foregoing problems do not include all of the different kinds of problems associated with benefit and cost evaluation. They should, however, provide a basis for applying needed techniques in solving other problems.

## Compound Interest and Annuity Tables - 21 Percent

No. of yes. hence	Present value of 1	Amorti-	Present value of an annuity of l per year	Amount of an annuity of 1 per year	Present value of an increasing annuity	Present value of a decreasing annuity
yes.		1.02500 .51883 .35014 .26582 .21525 .18155 .15750 .13947 .12546 .11426 .10511 .09749 .09105 .08554 .08077 .07660 .07293 .06967 .06676 .06415 .06179 .05965 .05770 .05591	annuity of	of 1 per	increasing	decreasing
25 26 27 28 29 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 44 45 46 47 48	.53939 .52623 .51340 .50088 .48866 .47674 .46511 .45377 .44270 .43191 .42137 .41109 .40107 .39128 .38174 .37243 .36335 .35448 .34584 .33740 .32917 .32115 .31331 .30567	.05428 .05277 .05138 .05009 .04889 .04778 .04674 .04577 .04486 .04401 .04321 .04245 .04107 .04107 .04044 .03984 .03927 .03873 .03822 .03773 .03727 .03683 .03601	18.42438 18.95061 19.46401 19.96489 20.45355 20.93029 21.39541 21.84918 22.29188 22.72379 23.14516 23.55625 23.95732 24.34860 24.73034 25.10278 25.46612 25.82061 26.16645 26.50385 26.83302 27.15417 27.46748 27.77315	34.15776 36.01171 37.91200 39.85980 41.85630 43.90270 46.00027 48.15028 50.35403 52.61289 54.92821 57.30141 59.73395 62.22730 64.78298 67.40255 70.08762 72.83981 75.66080 78.55232 81.51613 84.55403 87.66789 90.85958	216.00885 229.69095 243.55274 257.57732 271.74850 286.05078 300.46934 314.99000 329.59919 344.28397 359.03196 373.83134 388.67082 403.53964 418.42756 433.32478 448.22200 463.11036 477.98144 492.82720 507.64005 522.41276 537.13847 551.81068	263.02494 281.97555 301.43957 321.40445 341.85800 362.78830 384.18370 406.03288 428.32476 451.04855 474.19371 497.74996 521.70728 546.05588 570.78622 595.88900 621.35512 647.17573 673.34217 699.84602 726.67905 753.83322 781.30070 809.07385

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51	.28385	.03491	28.64616	100.92146	595.44652	894.15369
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52	.27692	.03457	28.92308	104.44449	609.84651	923.07677
53	.27017	.03425	29.19325	108.05561	624.16546	952.27002
54	.26358	.03395	29.45683	111.75700	638.39874	981.72685
55	.25715	.03365	29.71398	115.55092	652.54202	1011.44083
			29.96486			
56	.25088	.03337		119.43969	666.59122	1041.40569
57	.24476	.03310	30.20962	123.42569	680.54252	1071.61530
58	.23879	.03284	30.44841	127.51133	694.39233	1102.06371
59	.23297	.03259	30.68137	131.69911	708.13730	1132.74508
60	.22728	.03235	30.90866	135.99159	721.77432	1163.65374
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61	.22174	.03212	31.13040	140.39138	735.30047	1194.78414
62	.21633	.03190	31.34673	144.90116	748.71304	1226.13087
63	.21106	.03169	31.55778	149.52369	762.00953	1257.68865
64	.20591	.03148	31.76369	154.26179	775.18762	1289.45234
65	.20089	.03128	31.96458	159.11833	788.24518	1321.41692
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66	.19599	.03109	32.16056	164.09629	801.18025	1353.57748
67	.19121	.03091	32.35177	169.19870	813.99104	1385.92925
68	.18654	.03073	32.53831	174.42866	826.67591	1418.46756
69	.18199	.03056	32.72030	179.78938	839.23339	1451.18786
70	.17755	.03040	32.89786	185.28411	851.66214	1484.08572
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72	.16900	.03008	33.24008	196.68912	876.12883	1550.39688
73	.16488	.02994	33.40495	202.60635	888.16478	1583.80183
74	.16085	.02979	33.56581	208.67151	900.06804	1617.36764
75	.15693	.02965	33.72274	214.88830	911.83790	1651.09038
76	.15310	.02952	33.87584	221.26050	923.47380	1684.96623
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77	.14937	.02939	34.02521	227.79202	934.97527	1718.99144
78	.14573	.02926	34.17094	234.48682	946.34193	1753.16238
79	.14217	.02914	34.31311	241.34899	957.57354	1787.47549
80	.13870	.02903	34.45182	248.38271	968.66990	1821.92731
81	.13532	.02891	34.58714	255.59228	979.63095	1856.51445
82	.13202	.02880	34.71916	262.98209	990.45667	1891.10159
83	.12880	.02870	34.84796	270.55664	1001.14715	1926.08157
84	.12566	.02859	34.97362	278.32056	1011.70255	1961.05519
85	.12259	.02849	35.09621	286.27857	1022.12309	1996.15141
86	.11960	.02840	35.21582	294.43553	1032.40908	2031.36722
87	.11669	.02830	35.33251	302.79642	1042.56087	2066.69973
88		.02821			1052.57891	2102.14608
	.11384		35.44635	311.36633		•
89	.11106	.02812	35.55741	320.15049	1062.46366	2137.70349
90	.10836	.02804	35.66577	329.15425	1072.21569	2173.36926
91	.10571	.02796	35.77148	338.38311	1081.83557	2209.14074
92	.10313	.02787	35.87462	347.84269	1091.32395	2245.01536
93	.10062	.02780	35.97524	357.53875	1100.68153	2280.99059
		.02772				2317.06399
94	.09816		36.07340	367.47722	1109.90904	
95	.09577	.02765	36.16917	377.66415	1119.00726	2353.23316
96	.09343	.02758	36.26261	388.10576	1127.97701	2389.49577
97	.09116	.02751	36.35376	398.80840	1136.81914	2425.84953
98	.08893	.02744	36.44269	409.77861	1145.53453	2462.29223
99	.08676	.02738	36.52946	421.02308	1154.12413	2498.82168
100	.08465			•		• •
T00	. 00407	.02731	36.61411	432.54865	1162.58887	2535.43579
		00700	10 0000		2/10 2222	
Perpe	tuity	.02500	40.00000		1640.00000	

No. of yrs. hence	Present value of 1	Amorti- zation	Present value of an annuity of l per year	Amount of an annuity of 1 per year	Present value of an increasing annuity	Present value of a decreasing annuity
-	97087 94260 91514 88849 86261 83748 81309 76941 76642 70138 68095 66112 64186 62317 60502 58739 57029 55368 53755 52189 50669 49193 47761 46369 45019 449193 47761 46369 45019 43708 42435 41199 38834 37703 36604 35538 34503 33498 32523 31575 30656 29763 28896	1.03000 .52261 .35353 .26903 .21835 .18460 .16051 .14246 .12843 .11723 .10808 .10046 .09403 .08853 .08377 .07961 .07595 .07271 .06981 .06722 .06487 .06275 .06081 .05905 .05743 .05594 .05594 .05594 .05594 .05594 .05102 .05000 .04905 .04816 .04732 .04654 .04386 .04386 .04326 .04326 .04326 .043271 .04219	•	-		_
43 44 45 46 47 48	.28054 .27237 .26444 .25674 .24926	.04170 .04123 .04079 .04036 .03996 .03958	23.98190 24.25427 24.51871 24.77545 25.02471 25.26671	85.48389 89.04841 92.71986 96.50146 100.39650 104.40840	421.26710 433.25146 445.15119 456.96108 468.67624 480.29218	633.93660 658.19087 682.70958 707.48503 732.50974 757.77645

490 12 3 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 9 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	23495 22146 21501 20875 20267 19677 19104 18547 18007 17483 16479 15999 15533 15081 14641 14215 13801 13399 13009 12630 12262 11905 11558 11221 10895 10577 10269 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09970 09680 09680 0970 09680 096	.03921 .03887 .03853 .03822 .03791 .03763 .03735 .03708 .03659 .03636 .03659 .03636 .03592 .03571 .03552 .03533 .03515 .03497 .03480 .03449 .03449 .03449 .03449 .03419 .03405 .03379 .03367 .03367 .03367 .03367 .03367 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03293 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03292 .03293 .03292 .03293 .03292 .03293 .03292 .03293 .03292 .03293 .03295 .0	25.50166 25.72976 25.95123 26.16624 26.37499 26.57766 26.77443 26.96546 27.15094 27.50583 27.67556 27.84035 28.00034 28.15567 28.30648 28.45289 28.59504 28.73305 28.86704 28.99712 29.12342 29.24604 29.36509 29.12342 29.24604 29.36509 29.12342 29.24604 29.36509 29.48067 29.59288 29.70183 29.80760 29.81029 30.00999 30.10679 30.29200 30.38059 30.46659 30.70986 30.709	108.54065 112.79687 117.18077 121.69620 126.34708 131.13749 136.07162 141.15377 146.38838 151.78003 157.33343 163.05344 168.94504 175.01339 181.26379 187.70171 194.33276 201.16274 208.19762 215.44355 222.90686 230.59406 238.51189 246.66724 255.06726 263.71928 272.63086 281.80978 291.26407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96407 301.00200 311.03206 321.36302 332.00391 342.96403 354.25295 365.88054 377.85695 390.19266 402.89844 415.98539 429.46496 443.34890 457.64937 472.37885 487.55022 503.17672 519.27203 535.85019 552.92569 570.51346 588.62887	491.80474 503.21100 514.50472 525.68539 536.74915 547.69334 558.51554 569.21356 579.78546 590.22951 600.54419 610.72817 620.78033 630.69967 640.48547 650.13703 659.65389 669.03571 678.28228 687.39353 696.36948 705.21029 713.91623 722.48764 730.92498 739.22878 747.39967 755.43835 763.34558 771.12220 778.76912 786.28729 793.67772 800.94148 808.07967 815.09346 821.98402 828.75260 835.40044 841.92884 848.33912 854.63262 860.81071 866.87476 872.82619 878.66640 884.39683 890.01892 895.53412 906.24967 878.66640 884.39683 890.01892 895.53412 906.24967	783.27810 809.00787 834.95909 861.12534 887.50033 914.07799 940.85242 967.81789 994.96882 1022.29982 1049.80566 1077.48122 1105.32157 1133.32192 1161.47759 1189.78407 1218.23696 1246.83200 1275.56505 1304.43209 1333.42921 1362.55263 1391.79867 1421.16376 1450.64442 1480.23731 1509.93914 1539.74673 1569.65702 1599.66701 1629.77380 1659.97456 1690.26657 1720.64715 1751.11374 1781.66383 1812.29498 1843.00483 1873.79110 1904.65155 1935.58403 1966.58644 1997.65674 2028.79295 2059.99316 2091.25549 2122.57815 2153.95937 2185.39744 2216.89072 2248.43759
100	.05203	.03165	31.59891	607.28773	911.45295	2280.03650

33.33333

1144.44444

Perpetuity .03000

No. of yrs. hence	Present value of 1	Amorti- zation	Present value of an annuity of l per year	Amount of an annuity of 1 per year	Present value of an increasing annuity	Present value of a decreasing annuity
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678941234567845678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567	96154 92456 88900 82193 79031 75992 73069 70259 67556 64958 62460 60057 57748 55526 53391 51337 49363 47464 45639 43883 42196 40573 39012 37512 36069 34682 33348 32065 23430 22529 21662 20028 19257 17805 17120 16461 15828	1.04000 .53020 .36035 .27549 .22463 .19076 .16661 .14853 .13449 .12329 .11415 .10655 .10014 .09467 .08994 .08994 .08582 .08220 .07614 .07358 .076124 .06051 .06559 .06401 .05888 .05783 .05686 .05783 .05686 .05783 .05686 .05783 .05166 .05052 .04954 .04909 .04866 .04952	•96154 1.88609 2.77509 3.62990 4.45182 5.24214 6.00205 6.73274 7.43533 8.11090 8.76048 9.38507 9.98565 10.56312 11.11839 11.65230 12.16567 12.65930 13.13394 13.59033 14.02916 14.45112 14.85684 15.24696 15.62208 15.98277 16.32959 16.66306 16.98371 17.29203 17.58849 17.87355 18.41120 18.66461 18.90828 19.14258 19.36786 19.58448 19.79277 19.99305 20.18563 20.37079 20.54884 20.88465 21.04294	1.00000 2.04000 3.12160 4.24646 5.41632 6.63298 7.89829 9.21423 10.58280 12.00611 13.48635 15.02581 16.62684 18.29191 20.02359 21.82453 23.69751 25.64541 27.67123 29.77808 31.96920 34.24797 36.61789 39.08260 41.64591 44.31174 47.08421 49.96758 52.96629 56.08494 59.32834 62.70147 66.20953 69.85791 73.65222 77.59831 81.70225 85.97034 90.40915 95.02552 99.82654 104.81960 110.01238 115.41288 121.02939 126.87057 132.94539	96154 2.81065 5.47764 8.89686 13.00649 17.74838 23.06780 28.91333 35.23661 41.99225 49.13764 56.63280 64.44027 72.52492 80.85389 89.39642 98.12376 107.00907 116.02727 125.15501 134.37052 143.65353 152.98524 162.34816 171.72608 181.10399 190.46804 199.80541 209.10430 218.35386 227.54413 236.66599 245.71110 254.67187 263.5414.1 272.31348 280.98246 289.54331 297.99151 306.32307 314.53447 322.62261 330.58485 338.41888 346.12281 353.69505 361.13433	96154 2.84763 5.62272 9.25262 13.70444 18.94658 24.94863 31.68138 39.11671 47.22761 55.98808 65.37316 75.35880 85.92193 97.04031 108.69261 120.85828 133.51758 146.65152 160.24184 174.27100 188.72212 203.57896 218.82592 234.44800 250.43077 266.76036 283.42342 300.40713 317.69917 335.28766 353.16121 371.30886 389.72006 408.38467 427.29295 446.43553 465.80339 485.38788 505.18065 525.17370 545.35933 565.73013 586.27897 606.99901 627.88366 648.92660
48	.15219	.04718	21.19513	139.26321	368.43968	670.12173

45555555556666666666677777777778888888888	.14634 .14071 .13530 .13010 .12509 .12028 .11566 .11121 .10693 .10282 .09886 .09506 .09140 .08789 .08126 .07813 .07224 .06946 .06679 .06946 .06679 .06175 .05937 .05709 .05278 .05278 .05278 .04512 .04338 .04172 .04011 .03857 .03048 .02931 .02931 .02931 .02931 .02931 .02606 .02505 .02142 .02142 .02142 .02059 .01980	04686 04655 04626 04655 04626 04572 04572 04523 04500 04479 04458 04439 04402 04385 04369 04385 04385 04286 04275 04286 04275 04286 04275 04286 04275 04286 04263 04275 04189 04181 04167 04167 04160 04154 04148 04148 04148 04148 04131 04126 04131 04126 04111 04107 04108 041081	21.34147 21.48218 21.61749 21.74758 21.87267 21.99296 22.10861 22.21982 22.32675 22.42957 22.52843 22.62349 22.71489 22.88729 22.88729 22.96855 23.04668 23.12181 23.19405 23.26351 23.33030 23.39451 23.51564 23.57273 23.62762 23.68041 23.77996 23.82689 23.87201 23.97722 24.03579	145.83373 152.66708 159.77377 167.16472 174.85131 182.84536 191.15917 199.80554 208.79776 218.14967 227.87566 237.99069 248.51031 259.45073 270.82875 282.66190 294.96838 307.76712 321.07780 334.92091 349.31775 364.29046 379.86208 396.05656 412.89882 430.41478 448.63137 467.57662 487.27969 507.77087 529.08171 551.24498 574.29478 598.26657 623.19723 649.12512 676.09012 704.13373 733.29908 763.63104 795.17628 827.98333 862.10267 897.58677 934.49024 972.86985 1054.29603 107.46788 1142.36659 1189.06125 1237.62370	375.61040 382.64603 389.54636 396.31139 409.43653 415.79758 422.02518 428.12019 434.08360 439.91650 445.62012 456.64488 461.96891 467.16942 472.24805 477.20647 482.04642 486.76968 491.37807 495.87342 500.25763 504.53259 508.70022 516.72122 520.57849 524.33621 527.99632 531.56077 535.03152 516.72122 520.57849 524.33621 527.99632 531.56077 535.03152 516.72122 520.57849 524.33621 527.99632 531.56077 535.03152 531.56077 533.641049 553.64985 553.64985 564.985 574.83988 577.12841 579.35208 587.62985	691.46320 712.94538 734.56287 756.31045 778.18313 800.17608 822.28470 844.50451 866.83126 889.26083 911.78926 934.41275 957.12764 979.93043 1002.81772 1025.78627 1048.83295 1071.95476 1095.14881 1118.41231 1141.74261 1165.13713 1188.59339 1212.10903 1235.68176 1259.30938 1282.98979 1306.72095 1330.50092 1354.32780 1378.19981 1402.11520 1426.07231 1450.06953 1474.10532 1498.17819 1522.28672 1546.42954 1570.60533 1594.81281 1619.05078 1643.31806 1667.61352 1691.93608 1716.28469 1740.65835 1765.05611 1789.47703 1813.92022 1838.38483 1862.87003 1887.37502
Perpe	tuity	•04000	25.00000		650.00000	

## Compound Interest and Annuity Tables - 5 Percent

No. of yrs. hence	Present value of 1	Amorti- zation	Present value of an annuity of l per year	Amount of an annuity of 1 per year	Present value of an increasing annuity	Present value of a decreasing annuity
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678	95238 90703 86384 82270 78353 74622 71068 67684 61491 58468 55684 53032 50507 48102 43630 41552 39573 37689 34185 32557 31007 29530 28124 26785 225509 24295 23138 22036 20987 19987 19035 18129 17266 16444 15661 14915 14205 13528 12884 12270 11686 11130 10600 1095	1.05000 .53780 .36721 .28201 .23097 .19702 .17282 .14069 .12950 .12039 .11283 .10646 .10102 .09634 .09227 .08870 .08555 .08275 .08024 .07247 .07095 .06956 .06413 .06328 .06712 .06605 .06505 .06176 .06107 .06043 .05984 .05988 .05989 .05662 .05569 .05569 .05569 .05569 .05569 .05569 .05569 .05569	•95238 1.85941 2.72325 3.54595 4.32948 5.07569 5.78637 6.46321 7.10782 7.72173 8.30641 8.86325 9.39357 9.89864 10.37966 10.83777 11.68959 12.08532 12.46221 12.82115 13.16300 13.48857 13.79864 14.09394 14.37519 14.64303 14.89813 15.14107 15.37245 15.59281 15.69290 16.37419 16.54685 16.71129 16.86789 17.01704 17.15909 17.29437 17.42321 17.54591 17.66277 17.77407 17.88007 17.98007	1.00000 2.05000 3.15250 4.31013 5.52563 6.80191 8.14201 9.54911 11.02656 12.57789 14.20679 15.91713 17.71298 19.59863 21.57856 23.65749 25.84037 28.13238 30.53900 33.06595 35.71925 38.50521 41.43048 44.50200 47.72800 51.11345 54.66913 58.40258 62.32271 66.43885 70.76079 75.29883 80.06377 85.06696 90.32031 95.83632 101.62814 107.70955 114.09502 120.79977 127.83976 135.23175 142.99334 151.14301 159.70016 168.68516 178.1042	95238 2 • 76644 5 • 35795 8 • 64876 12 • 56639 17 • 04369 22 • 01846 27 • 43317 33 • 23465 39 • 37378 45 • 80525 52 • 48730 59 • 38148 66 • 45243 73 • 66769 80 • 99747 88 • 41452 95 • 89389 103 • 41283 110 • 95062 118 • 48841 126 • 00911 133 • 49725 140 • 93888 148 • 32145 155 • 63371 162 • 86561 170 • 00824 177 • 05368 183 • 99500 190 • 82615 197 • 54186 204 • 13766 210 • 60972 216 • 95488 223 • 17055 229 • 25467 235 • 20567 241 • 02244 246 • 70427 252 • 25081 257 • 66208 262 • 93837 268 • 08027 273 • 08861 277 • 96446 282 • 70907	95238 2.81179 5.53504 9.08099 13.41047 18.48616 24.27253 30.73574 37.84356 45.56529 53.87170 62.73495 72.12852 82.02716 92.40682 103.24459 114.51866 126.20825 138.29357 150.75578 163.57693 176.73993 190.22850 204.02714 218.12108 232.49626 247.13929 262.03742 277.17849 292.55094 308.14375 323.94643 339.94898 356.14188 372.51607 389.06292 405.77421 422.64210 439.65914 456.81823 474.11260 459.08172 526.74449 544.51856 560.37965
48	.09614	•05532	18.07716	188.02539	287.32389	598.45681

455555555566666666667777777778888888889999999999	.09156 .08720 .08305 .07910 .07533 .07174 .06833 .06507 .05902 .05621 .05999 .01856 .01856 .01955 .03805 .03151 .03287 .03130 .02839 .02153 .0225 .02153 .02153 .02153 .0225 .02153 .0225 .02153 .0225 .02153 .0225 .0225 .0233	•0504 •05478 •05453 •05467 •05467 •05386 •053314 •053314 •05283 •05283 •05242 •05242 •05242 •05242 •052430 •052430 •052430 •05120 •05138 •05170 •05132 •05132 •05132 •05108 •05108 •05108 •0509	18.16872 18.25593 18.33898 18.41807 18.49340 18.56515 18.69347 18.69854 18.76052 18.81954 18.9299 18.98028 19.02883 19.07508 19.1912 19.16107 19.23907 19.23907 19.23907 19.30981 19.34268 19.45922 19.48497 19.50950 19.53285 19.55510 19.57628 19.68382 19.63398 19.65141 19.66801 19.68382 19.651841 19.68382 19.72687 19.73987 19.72687 19.73987 19.75226 19.77529 19.78599 19.81513 19.82394 19.82394 19.83394	198.42666 209.34800 220.81540 232.85617 245.49897 258.77392 272.71262 287.34825 302.71566 318.85144 335.79402 353.58372 372.26290 391.87605 412.46985 434.09334 456.79801 480.63791 505.66981 531.95330 559.55096 588.52851 618.95494 650.90268 684.44782 719.67021 756.65372 795.48640 836.26072 879.07376 924.02745 971.22882 1020.79026 1072.82978 1127.47126 1184.84483 1245.08707 1308.34142 1374.75849 1444.49642 1594.60730 1675.33767 1760.10455 1849.19642 1594.60730 1675.33767 1760.10455 1849.19642 1594.60730 1675.33767 1760.10455 1849.19642 2365.51035 2484.78586	291.81052 296.17071 300.40632 304.51933 308.51181 312.38592 316.14387 319.78794 323.32047 326.74379 330.06032 333.27245 336.38261 339.39323 342.30672 345.12553 347.85205 350.48868 353.03781 357.88294 360.18358 362.40595 364.55232 366.62486 368.62575 370.55712 372.42103 374.21955 379.24251 380.79902 382.29971 383.74637 377.62835 379.24251 380.79902 382.29971 383.74637 379.24251 380.79902 382.29971 383.74637 379.24251 380.79902 382.29971 383.74637 379.24251 389.02690 390.22867 391.38623 392.50105 393.57459 394.60823 395.60336 396.56129 397.48331 398.37067 399.22457 400.04620 400.83669	616.62553 634.88145 653.22043 671.63850 690.13190 708.69704 727.33051 746.02905 764.78957 783.60911 802.48486 821.41415 840.39443 859.42326 878.49834 897.61746 916.77853 935.97955 955.21862 974.49392 993.80373 1013.14641 1032.52039 1051.92418 1071.35636 1090.81558 110.30055 1129.81005 1149.34290 1168.89800 1188.47428 1208.07074 1227.68642 1247.32040 1266.97181 1286.63982 1306.32364 1326.02251 1345.73572 1365.46259 1385.20246 1404.95472 1424.71878 1444.49407 1464.28006 1484.07624 1503.88213 1523.69726 1543.52120 1563.35352 1583.19382
100	•00760	•05038	19.84791	2610.02516	401.59713	1603.04173

Perpetuity

•05000

20.00000

420.00000

## Compound Interest and Annuity Tables - 6 Percent

No. of yrs. hence	Present value of 1	Amorti- zation	Present value of an annuity of l per year	Amount of an annuity of 1 per year	Present value of an increasing annuity	Present value of a decreasing annuity
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890	.94340 .89000 .83962 .79209 .74726 .70496 .66506 .62741 .59190 .55839 .52679 .49697 .46884 .44230 .41727 .39365 .37136 .35034 .33051 .31180 .29416 .27751 .26180 .21981 .20737 .19563 .18456 .17411 .16425 .15496 .17411 .16425 .15496 .1791 .13011 .12274 .11579 .10306 .09722 .08653 .08163 .07701 .07265	1.06000 .54544 .37411 .28859 .23740 .20336 .17914 .16104 .14702 .13588 .12679 .11928 .11296 .10296 .09895 .09544 .09236 .08962 .08718 .08500 .08305 .08128 .07690 .07570 .07459 .07358 .07265 .07179 .07027 .06960 .06839 .06736 .06689 .06689 .06689 .06689 .06689 .066689 .066689 .066689 .066689 .066533 .06501 .06470	•94340 1 •83339 2 •67301 3 •46511 4 •21236 4 •91732 5 •58238 6 •20979 6 •80169 7 •36009 7 •88687 8 •38384 8 •85268 9 •29498 9 •71225 10 •10590 10 •47726 10 •82760 11 •15812 11 •46992 11 •76408 12 •04158 12 •30338 12 •55036 13 •00317 13 •21053 13 •40616 13 •59072 13 •76483 13 •92909 14 •23023 14 •36814 14 •49825 14 •62099 14 •73678 14 •84602 14 •94907 15 •04630 15 •13802 15 •22454 15 •30617 15 •38318 15 •45583	1.00000 2.06000 3.18300 4.37462 5.63709 6.97532 8.39384 9.89747 11.49132 13.18079 14.97164 16.86994 18.88214 21.01507 23.27597 25.67253 28.21288 30.90565 33.75999 36.78559 39.99273 43.39229 46.99583 50.81558 54.86451 59.15638 63.70577 68.52811 73.63980 79.05817 84.80168 90.88978 97.34316 104.18375 11.43478 119.12087 127.26812 135.90421 145.05846 154.76197 165.04768 175.95054 187.50758 199.75803 212.74351	.94340 2.72339 5.24225 8.41062 12.14691 16.37668 21.03208 26.05137 31.37846 36.96241 42.75707 48.72070 54.81561 61.00782 67.26680 73.56514 79.87834 86.18452 92.46427 98.70037 104.87763 110.98274 117.00408 122.93156 128.75653 134.47159 140.07052 145.54817 150.90031 156.12362 161.21552 166.17415 170.99830 175.68729 180.24098 184.65964 188.94399 193.09507 197.11423 201.00312 204.76560 208.39775 211.90783 215.29622 218.56548	•94340 2•77679 5•44980 8•91490 13•12726 18•04458 23•62696 29•83675 36•63844 43•99853 51•88540 60•26924 69•12192 78•41690 88•12915 98•23505 108•71231 119•53991 130•69803 142•16795 153•93203 165•97361 178•27699 190•82735 203•61071 216•61388 229•82441 243•23057 256•82129 270•58612 284•51520 298•59924 312•82947 327•19761 341•69586 356•31685 371•05363 385•89965 400•84872 415•89502 431•03304 446•25758 461•56375 476•94693 492•40276
46 47 48	.06854 .06466 .06100	.06441 .06415 .06390	15.52437 15.58903 15.65003	226.50812 241.09861 256.56453	221.71822 224.75716 227.68508	507.92713 523.51616 539.16619

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96 97	.00372 .00351	.06022 .06021	16.60465 16.60816	4462.65050 4731.40953	287.39559 287.73607	1323.25574 1339.86390
98	.00331	.06020	16.61147	5016.29411	288.06060	1356.47537
99	.00312	.06019	16.61460	5318.27175	288.36988	1373.08997
100	•00295	.06018	16.61755	5638.36806	288.66461	1389.70752
Perpetuity		•06000	16.66667		294.44444	



## APPENDIX D

## PRICE DATA

(To be furnished at a later date)

